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Bethel bust Charged couple say drugs were prescribed for pain

By ALISON ALOISIO

A man arrested last week for drug trafficking claims the drugs were legally prescribed for him and his partner by their doctors in Florida.

Wilson Downs, 52, and Eugenie Macie, 39, were arrested by Bethel Police on charges of aggravated drug trafficking and illegal importation of Schedule W drugs.

They are accused of bringing the drugs to Maine from Florida.

The trafficking allegedly took place next to a school, police said.

The couple, who live in Ocklawaha, Fla., were found in possession of more than 200 tablets of oxycodone, as well as other drugs, according to police.

But Downs said the drugs are legally prescribed, and he and Macie have never shared them with anyone else, by any means.

Downs contacted the Citizen last week, saying he wanted to tell the couple's side of the story.

Downs said he has had six hip replacement surgeries and has 10 bad disks in his back. He takes oxycodone for the pain.

He said he has been disabled since he was 17, and currently lives on Social Security.

Macie, he said, has degenerative disks in her back.

The couple also has other prescribed medications, for pain, asthma and migraines, Downs said.

He named a doctor (although he said he did not know the physician's first name) in Florida who prescribed some of the medications. Downs also named the pharmacy and the town in which he said he bought them.

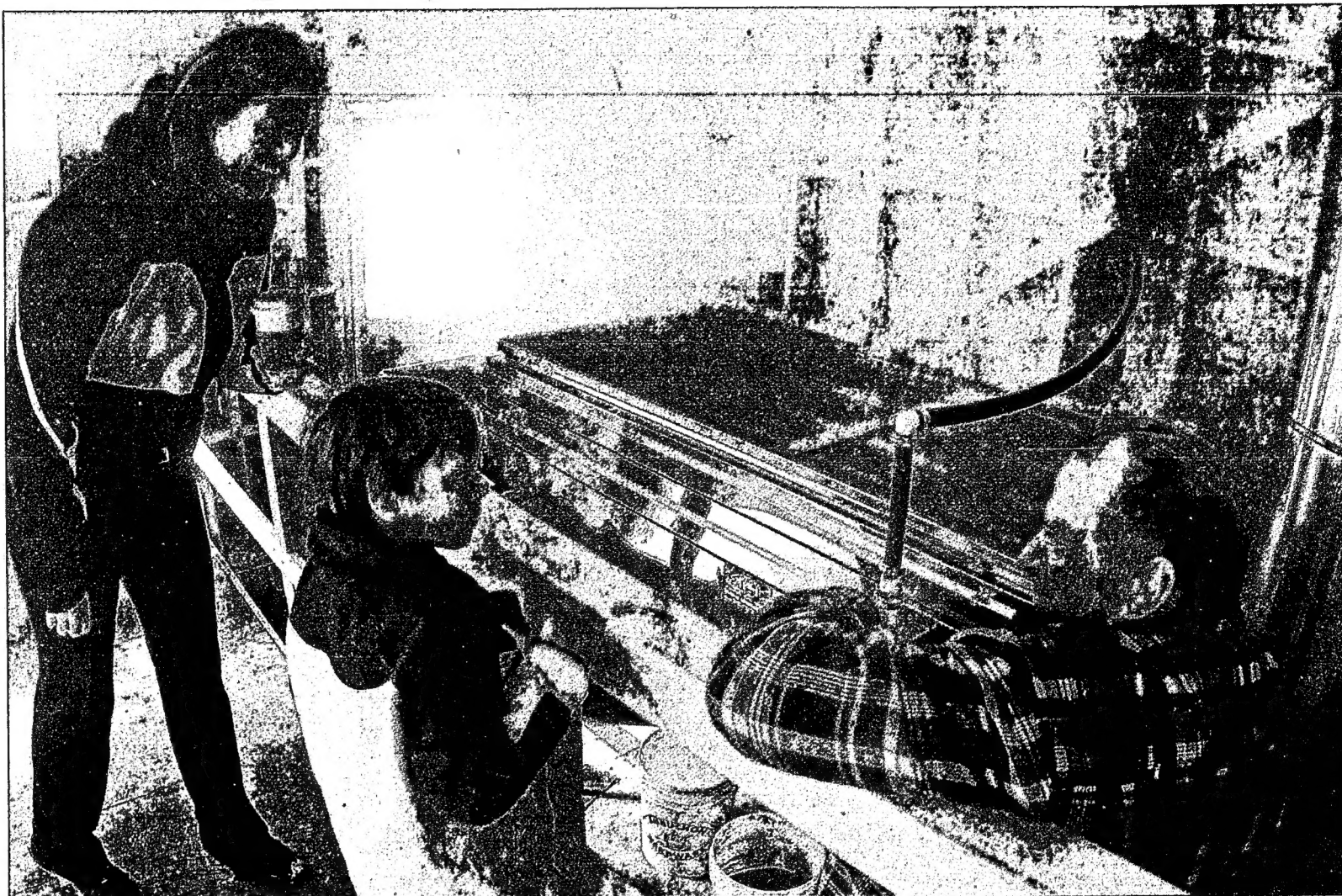
Downs said he has a prescription for 210 tablets of oxycodone a month, and takes eight tablets a day, totaling 240 milligrams.

His wife's prescription is for 150 tablets a month, he said.

He said his doctor only prescribes the medication after doing MRIs.

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Basking in Spring's sweet sap-to-syrup steam bath



The new Sunday River Sugaring House opened its doors for the first time last week, giving skiers a chance to see a syrup-making operation in action. Bob Milligan of Andover (right) explains the process of collecting and boiling sap and provides free samples of syrup and candy to visitors. Here, he chats with a young man and his mom from Nova Scotia. Approximately 950 taps connected by almost three miles of tubing, together with 100 trees tapped with individual buckets, make up the collecting system. The sugar house will be open through mid-April. For more maple sugaring photos, see Page 10. Sunday was Maine Maple Sunday, and dozens of syrup-making operations across the state opened their doors to visitors.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

March town meetings winding up

Andover incumbents survive challenge, but budget trimmed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover voters Saturday trimmed the municipal budget, approved a new personnel ordinance and the sale of an old fire truck, and directed that future town treasurers be appointed, not elected.

And on Tuesday, they easily re-elected all incumbent town officials. Voters also elected Rob Dixon as fire chief, replacing his retiring father, Ken.

Town meeting

More than 100 people turned out for the annual town meeting.

which lasted nearly seven hours (but was still several hours shorter than last year).

Residents made cuts in several accounts to amounts recommended by the selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

General Municipal Expenses were held at the 2008 level of \$48,500, \$6,500 less than recommended.

Three-percent raises for all town officials/employees except one (a highway department employee with a Class II

license) were rejected.

The library budget was cut to \$20,000, down from the 2008 level of \$27,000. Selectmen and the Budget Committee had recommended \$27,500.

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Fiscal-year change in G'wood means one-time tax-rate hike

By MICHAEL DANIELS

If Greenwood voters approve all the spending items on the warrant for Saturday's annual town meeting, their property-tax rate will jump more than a third.

But that is not because the

town's rate of spending is increasing, or because revenues are declining dramatically.

What is driving the tax-rate spike is the calendar.

In December town selectmen voted to change Greenwood's accounting calendar — dropping the traditional calendar

year in favor of a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

The in the Town Report, selectmen list several reasons why they believe the change will benefit the town.

But since the change cannot

begin until July 1, 2010, six months after the current fiscal year ends, the town must find a way to fund itself over the interim.

To do that, selectmen have opted to add six months to the current fiscal year, ending

it not on Dec. 31, 2009, but on July 1, 2010.

And those additional six months must be paid for — thus the proposed (one time) spike in the tax rate.

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W'stock voters to decide if Tri-Town or PACE will respond

By ALISON ALOISIO

Ambulance services and the nomination process for town office candidates are among the issues Woodstock voters will decide at Monday's town meeting.

Residents will consider a to-

tal of 46 articles at the annual gathering.

Ambulances

Selectmen hope a vote on the town's ambulance service will settle a debate that has gone on for more than a year.

Personnel issues with Tri-

Town and its Board of Directors have been ongoing. The situation prompted selectmen to talk to PACE about providing service in case Tri-Town could no longer function.

PACE is based in Norway at Stephens Memorial Hospital,

while Tri-Town's station is in West Paris.

Tri-Town and PACE recently submitted written answers to selectmen's questions about their service.

PACE said it staffs a paramedic (the most highly trained

of responders) at all times. Tri-Town has paramedics, but did not guarantee one would always be on duty.

However, "one individual will always be EMT-certified."

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Gilead: Change fiscal year and traditional town meeting month?

By ALISON ALOISIO

A change in Gilead's fiscal year and the month in which town meeting takes place will be up for votes at Saturday's annual town meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

Borrowing, cash flow, reserve account

In a recent letter to residents, selectmen cited several reasons for their recommendation to change the fiscal year to July 1-June 30, and town meeting date to June.

With the current calendar fiscal year, voters must authorize selectmen to "pre-spend" funds for the first three months until the town meeting in March.

"A June meeting would allow us to prepare and pres-

ent a budget, including school spending, for July 1 with no pre-spending," the board wrote.

The change in fiscal year would also coincide with SAD4's fiscal year, providing the town with school numbers

before the municipal budget is prepared.

A related article would authorize selectmen to collect half of annual taxes every six months.

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Upton's 148th annual town meeting took place last Thursday evening, and two dozen voters dispensed with business in a half hour. All 22 articles, including one to reroof and make other improvements to the schoolhouse (where the meeting took place), were approved. Michele Bouchard was elected to the School Committee, replacing Collie Svendberg, who did not run again. Re-elected (and running unopposed) were Selectman Marie Aron and Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Jim Rector (far left rear in photo). Here, residents laugh as Rector observes that his wife, Wilma (in front row in pink), did not vote for him for one of his offices. In the foreground is moderator Wendy Hanscom of Newry. Rector also noted that Upton was incorporated in 1860, which means it will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year. The Ladies Aid organization was put in charge of planning a celebration. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Slide show looks at 140 years of skiing in Maine

Maine's skiing history goes back farther than any other New England state.

A Mainer wrote America's first book on skiing.

A Maine company built the world's tallest ski jump and the first chairlift in the East.

Two Maine manufacturers were leading producers of skis in the mid-20th century.

Two dozen Maine skiers have competed or coached at the Olympics.

Maine has hosted five ski, snowboard and biathlon competitions at the World Championship and World Cup level.

These are a few facets of a narrated digital slide show recently produced by the Ski Museum of Maine. The show,

titled "Down Mountain and Cross-Country: 140 Years of Skiing in Maine," will be presented at the annual meeting of the Bethel Outing Club to be held at Sunday River Inn & Cross-Country Ski Center on Sunday, April 5.

The program begins with a potluck supper at 5 p.m. A brief annual meeting and recognitions will take place at 6:15 p.m., with the slideshow beginning at 6:30 p.m. The entire program is open to the public at no cost.

More than 125 photos some more than a century old have been assembled from the Farmington-based museum's collections and more than 40

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Woodstock/ Greenwood

Summer Baseball/ Softball Sign-ups

Tuesday, March 24 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Saturday, March 28 from 10 am-1 pm

Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

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Letters

WHEN 10 MINUTES COUNT

To the Editor:
To the residents of West Paris, Bryant Pond, Greenwood and Sumner:
Tri-Town Rescue has been serving the above towns since April 1, 1981. Tri-Town started out of necessity when Andrews chose to go out of the ambulance/rescue business. What began around the kitchen table has evolved into a well-functioning and efficient ambulance/rescue service, licensed and endorsed by Tri-County EMS and the state of Maine EMS.
As with any organization, there have been bumps in the road, but those bumps have been resolved and the service is running well. Our bylaws have been updated; there is a new Board of Directors in place, a trained and licensed paramedic acting as Director of Operations. Staffing is adequate to provide 24-hour-a-day coverage from our station in West Paris.
While we do not have 24-hour paramedic coverage, having the staff at the station allows us to keep our on-scene time excellent. When paramedic coverage is needed and one of our medics is not available, the on-duty crew will call for backup. This backup does not cost our patients any extra fee. The quick response time is often the lifesaver, allowing the basics to do the initial assessment and perform at their level. Because of the staffing level and the support of our towns, we are able to charge our patients a lower fee, often hundreds of dollars less while still giving the same level of care.
Tri-Town has been serving our towns well for almost 28 years, and we are requesting the funding and support to continue this. We realize that there are rumors and stories circulating, and urge anyone who has questions to talk with current board members, do not be misled by those who seem to be trying to destroy the organization.
Current Board members are Rodney Harrington of Greenwood, chairman, Mary Emery, vice chairman, West Paris (674-2866), Susan Litchfield, secretary, Sumner (388-2782), Lee Berry, treasurer, Sumner (388-2181), Jean Millett of Greenwood, new member (527-2254), Director of Operations/Chief of Service Allison Ross (674-2400) or (647-8283).
We the management and crew of Tri-Town, are requesting your support at your local town meeting. Keep in mind the extra 10-minute wait for help could mean the difference between life and death.
Mary Emery
West Paris

FREE, FUNNY STRESS SPECIAL

To the Editor:
The entire community is invited to a free presentation on Wednesday, April 1, at the Matterhorn Ski Bar - "Laughing in the Face of Change," by Randy Judkins. This entertaining show will teach us how to cultivate a sense of joy in being alive, overcome the stress that keeps us from living fully, and develop strategies for more fun in our personal and professional lives.
Judkins, a character comedian and professional speaker from Maine, blends the latest research on the effects that humor has on longevity, productivity, and overall health. Come get in touch with your "Laugh Life" and learn his top ten reasons for more laughter in your life.
Join us as early as 4:30 p.m. to enjoy networking and light refreshments; Judkins' one-hour presentation begins at 5:45 p.m. And consider staying for an April Fool's Day dinner; the Matterhorn is offering two \$10 dinner specials! This event is organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Norway Savings Bank.
You must RSVP, if attending, by tomorrow, Friday, March 27, to the chamber, 824.2282.
Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

DAFFODIL DAYS THANKS

To the Editor:
Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2009 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days in Bethel a great success. Thanks to the businesses and individuals who pre-ordered bouquets, potted bulbs, and Boyd's Bears. Thanks to the people who purchased bouquets at the Bethel Foodliner. Thank you to the volunteers who sold the bouquets at the store. The anonymous "Gifts of Hope" were deeply appreciated by those who received the lovely flowers.
Emily Thorndike won the 2009 Boys' Bear, "Carrie N. Hope."
Caroline V. Gould
Coordinator, Daffodil Days in Bethel Area

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.
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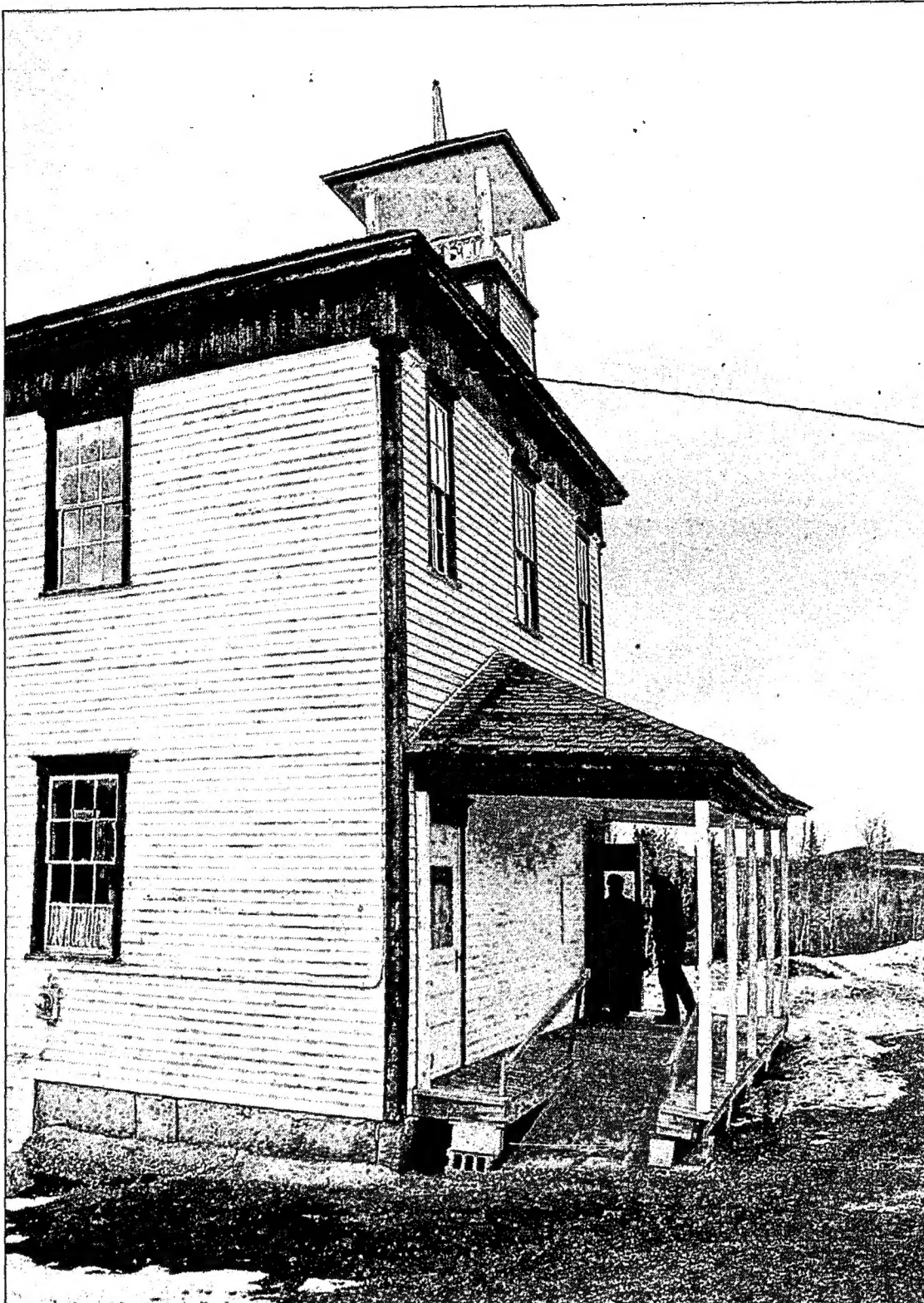
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CANDIDATE IN GREENWOOD

To the Editor:
I'd like to let the residents of Greenwood know that I will be a candidate for selectman at the annual town meeting on Saturday, March 28.
I have been a Greenwood resident for 20 years. I am a past school board member and local business owner. I will bring an open-minded and balanced perspective to issues before the board.
I encourage all Greenwood citizens to attend Saturday's town meeting. It provides your best opportunity to have a say in how your town is governed, as well as a chance to reconnect with neighbors and friends. And there will be pie!
Amy Chapman
Greenwood



THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRACY in Upton will get some shoring up following a vote at annual town meeting last week. The meeting took place in the schoolhouse, shown here, which is in need of repairs. The century-old building will get a new roof, upgraded windows and a straightened porch. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Gilead

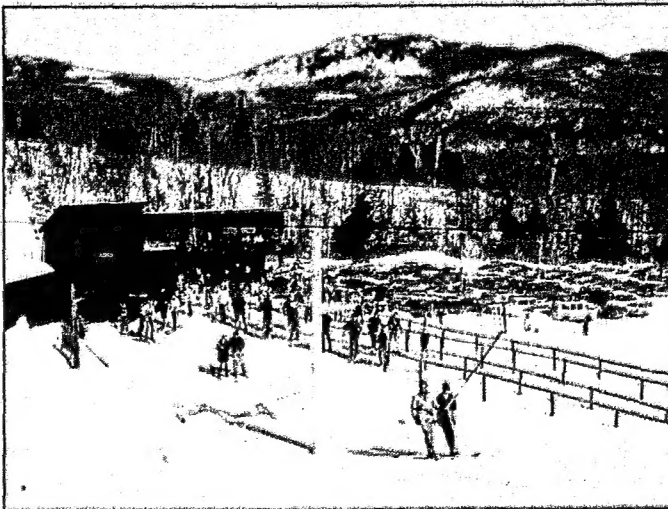
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Tax collections would start at the beginning of the fiscal year, instead of near the end, they said.
The arrangement would also eliminate current borrowing to meet operating expenses until taxes are collected.
Borrowing costs the town between \$3,000 and \$5,000 in interest, the board said.
Selectmen said they feel that by changing the way they do business they can eliminate borrowing, improve cash flow and also slowly grow the town's reserve account.
The town's accountant recommends a reserve account of 25 percent (\$110,000) of the operating budget.
Under the traditional fiscal arrangement, if all money articles are approved Saturday, 2009 municipal appropriations would total \$271,436.
Last year's appropriations totaled \$265,530.
If voters approve the calendar changes proposed, the budget would be halved to reflect a transition year of Jan. 1 to June 30. Residents would receive a six-month tax bill, with taxes due May 1.
Another annual town meeting would take place in June this year. Municipal officers elected would carry over from March to July.
Town officials whose seats are up for a vote Saturday include Selectman Mark Wigley, Highway Commissioner Fred Corriveau, School Committee member Becky Morin, Tax Collector Bev Corriveau and Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman.
Chapman said the only challenger she knows of is Fran Head, for the selectman's seat.
Rest area mowing
Voters will also consider whether to add \$2,000 to the account that pays for mowing cemeteries.
The funds would be used to mow a rest area on Route 2 that contains a town veteran's monument.
The area has been maintained by the White Mountain National Forest, but the WMNF is discontinuing maintenance, according to Bev Corriveau, Gilead's administrative assistant.
Most of the other accounts on the 34-article warrant show little change from 2008, Corriveau said.

Skiing slides

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other sources, including Bethel Historical Society, Sunday River Resort and longtime Mt. Abram skiers.
Photos to be presented cover the entire span of skiing in Maine, from the founding of Aroostook County's Swedish Settlement in 1870 to present-day happenings all over the state.
Locations that were historically important to the development of skiing include Aroostook County, Auburn, Bethel, Bridgton, Carabasset Valley, Greenwood, Farmington, Fryeburg, Lovell, Portland and Rumford.
The earliest known photos of skiing in Bethel will be shown, plus 1960s-era pictures (inset) of Sunday River and Mt. Abram.
Also included will be pictures of Bethel's first ski lift, a rope tow that was built on Vernon Street in 1948, and items relating to Paris Manufacturing Company, a leading ski maker in the middle decades of the 20th century.
The narrator will be Scott Andrews, a Portland-based ski journalist and museum director who assembled the photos and performed much of the research.
"Skiing has been part of the Maine way of life since the late 1800s, offering recreation and competition to both residents and visitors," says Andrews. "Our museum's objective is to feed the passion of Maine skiers and to illustrate the significance of our sport to our state's lifestyle and economy."
"Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 140 Years of Skiing in Maine" is sponsored by the Maine Community Foundation, the Ski Maine Association and the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club.
The April 5 program is hosted by the Bethel Outing Club.
The purpose of the Bethel Outing Club is to promote Nordic skiing as sport and recreation in the greater Bethel and western Maine area, with particular emphasis on youth development Nordic ski programs, and to support family-oriented outings and recreational activities in the out-of-doors. More information is available at www.bethelouting.org.



Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Gilead residents honored Mildred McLain at their annual town meeting, following her election to a 40th term as town clerk.
By an overwhelming margin at their town meeting, Greenwood voters said "no" to proposals to sell their town hall.
The Gould Academy Alumni Association held a well-attended barbecue at the Gould Academy/Sunday River ski lodge on Barker Mountain.
Death: Pauline M. Skea.
20 years ago: U.S. Congresswoman Olympia Snowe met with about two dozen area residents at the Bethel Inn Conference Center and answered questions on domestic and foreign policy issues.
Over \$140,000 was raised for the Maine Handicapped Skiing program during the 4th Annual Ski-a-thon at Sunday River Ski Resort.
Despite four inches of fresh snow, the children of Andover turned out for Roger Mills' annual Easter egg hunt.
Birth: Sarah Leann Pitchford.
Death: Earl V. Colby.
30 years ago: An afternoon fire destroyed a pre-dryer and lumber being readied for the hot kiln at Hanover Dowel Company.
The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for a Master Plan Study at the Bethel Airport.
The Newry Church organ fund, established in memory of Elsie Flanders, had reached \$400.
Births: Jessica White Parsons, Sheri Suzanne Swan.
Deaths: Leroy C. Buck, Jr., Oscar R. Burgess, Mrs. Laurel A. MacDougall, Leland E. Mason.
40 years ago: A fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Billings on the Concord Pond Road in East Milton, leaving 14 people homeless.
April vacation was cancelled for all SAD.44 schools due to the number of days that had been missed during the school year.
Test borings were being made on the Gould Academy property at the corner of Church and Winter streets, the site of a proposed new dormitory.
Births: Howard Rodney Kimball, Kevin Michael Eastman, Tracie Lee Ross, Dennis Edward Gallant.
Deaths: Miss Frances Carter, Mrs. Walter L. Brann, Jr.
50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Paradise Street.
Over 75 people attended the annual Poverty Ball sponsored by the Bethel Lions Club. First prize for costumes went to Charles and Grace Merrill.
Marion Kimball and Mary Kendall were chosen to represent the Newry Extension group at Farm and Home Week at Orono.
Birth: Michael Raymond Swan.
Deaths: Carleton S. Fuller, Mrs. Florence Westleigh.
60 years ago: A collection of Civil War possessions of Col. Clark S. Edwards was presented the state by Mrs. Fred L. Edwards in memory of her husband. The gift, which was accepted by the Governor during a luncheon program of Oxford County Day at Augusta, included Col. Edwards' commission, records and flag.
Death: Ellery C. Park.
70 years ago: Owing to the heavy snowstorm no mail was delivered in the Rowe Hill neighborhood, Greenwood, for two days.
The Pine Tree Restaurant was sold to Mrs. Sadie Allen.
Deaths: Collins F. Morgan, Sumner Ellsworth Wilbur, Lindon U. Bartlett, Mrs. Mabel Daniels.
100 years ago: Dr. Gehring was adding a wing on to his house at the end of Broad Street.
An electrical plant was being built at the Merrill Springer Co. Spool Mill (near the present cinema building).
Death: Charles O. Moore.

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Drugs

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"He's not some old quack," said Downs.

Staying near school

Asked about the reference to a school location, Downs said he is staying in Bethel Village with his daughter, not far from Crescent Park Elementary School.

Downs said he is originally from the area and raised five sons here.

He and Macie came back to Maine three months ago, because their daughter was going through a high risk pregnancy, he said.

She had planned to move to Florida, but did not because of the risk, he said.

Since coming to Bethel, he said, they have driven back and forth to Florida once a month to see their doctors and renew their prescriptions, and to take care of their home there.

Downs said their house was in a "rough area," and they needed to check on it. They did laundry and took care of the trash while there, he said.

Asked why he did not have

his doctor call in his prescriptions to a pharmacy in Maine while they are staying here, Downs said he had not thought of that.

In traveling back and forth, Downs said he shares the driving with Macie and his son, because it causes him pain. They stay in motels during the trip.

While traveling, he said, he keeps the drugs in a lockbox, which is where he said they were when police stopped him.

Downs was asked what he thought led to his and Macie's arrest.

"I think it's because we're from Florida, and a couple of months we rode back and forth," he said.

He also said that he has many relatives coming and going for visits at his daughter's Bethel home, possibly arousing suspicion.

"I'm sure it looks bad, but that's not what it's about," he said. "I've got kids. I've got grandchildren. I'm not going to be selling drugs to anyone."

Briefly

Home sales and prices fall

SOUTH PORTLAND—Single-family real estate sales in Maine were down 21.98 percent last month and the statewide median sales price lowered to \$158,000. The median sales price indicates that half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. According to the Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc., 433 homes were sold last month, down from the 555 homes sold in February 2008. The National Association of Realtors reports a 3.6 percent national decrease in single-family home sales and a national median sales price of \$164,600—a 15 percent decrease. Sales in the Northeastern United States were down 14.9 percent. The regional median sales price eased 4.8 percent to \$251,200.

Great Maine Bike Swap

ORONO—Hundreds of affordable, used bicycles in good, working condition will be for sale at the Great Maine Bike Swap, taking place at the University of Maine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center in Orono on April 19 and at the University of Southern Maine's Sullivan Gym on the Portland campus on April 26. Both events will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) and university groups, the swap brings together people buying and selling used bicycles and bike gear. All types of bicycles — from mountain bikes to road bikes, classic cruisers, kids' bikes and hybrids — will be for sale. The swap also will feature mini-workshops on topics such as how to fix a flat, displays by local bike shops, refreshments and information about Maine biking events. The public is invited to shop for bike, sell bikes or both. A large test riding area will allow shoppers to try out bikes. Volunteer advisors will be on hand to help with pricing and bike fit. Admission is \$3, with free admission for children 12 or younger and students at the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine. A small commission on bike sales will support BCM's bike safety and education programs. GOMaine, University Credit Union and WCLZ are business sponsors of the swap. For more information, please visit the Bicycle Coalition of Maine's Web site (www.BikeMaine.org) or call (207) 623-4511.

Northern New England states safest

PORTLAND—New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine are ranked as the three safest states in an annual analysis of crime statistics. In a report released Monday, CQ Press announced its annual crime rankings comparing states based on more than 500 crime-related categories. New Hampshire had the lowest crime rate ranking, followed by Vermont and Maine. Nevada had the highest crime rating, ahead of Louisiana and South Carolina.

Bill to protect roadside pedestrians

AUGUSTA—State Rep. Charles Harlow says he's always felt like a target while running along the side of the road. The Portland Democrat on Tuesday asked the Transportation Committee to make Maine's roadsides where there are no sidewalks safer for pedestrians. Harlow's bill would require motorists to give walkers and runners at least 3 feet of clearance and allow operators to pass pedestrians only when it's safe. The bill's modeled after a state law for passing a bicycle. Rep. James Schatz, speaking in favor of Harlow's bill, said he's had some close calls too. The Blue Hill Democrat said a pickup truck going 45 mph grazed his shirt sleeve once. Schatz says nearly all of his neighbors also walk along the roadsides. Others noted that school sports teams often run along the roads too.

Modified helmet law pondered

AUGUSTA—A co-chairman of the Legislature's Transportation Committee wants the panel to reconsider its rejection of a bill to require all motorcyclists to wear helmets. Maine currently has no helmet law for experienced motorcyclists. Sen. Dennis Damon, D-Trenton, said Tuesday he wants to offer an amendment with hopes of sending the bill to the House and Senate with the full committee's backing. Details aren't worked out, but Damon said it would require motorcyclists to declare when they get their licenses whether they choose to wear or not wear a helmet. Those who identify themselves as helmet wearers would face a greater chance of getting a ticket for a moving violation if stopped while not wearing a helmet.

Great blue heron survey

AUGUSTA—State biologists are preparing to conduct a census of nesting great blue herons and other wading birds amid signs that their colonies may be declining. In late April through early May, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will fly over the state in search of nesting colonies. It will be the state's first thorough nest count since 1996. Signs of a decline in great blue heron colonies prompted the department to list the bird in 2007 as a state species of special concern, a category signaling that it bears watching. Members of the public are encouraged to assist in the census by taking note of active breeding colonies and sharing their findings with the department.

MERRILL HILL ESTATES THE CROWN JEWEL OF SUNDAY RIVER

Good Morning! This is your wake up call from Merrill Hill Estates... Your invitation to start planning your dream home. The general architectural theme and style is best described as a mix between the Grand National Park Lodges "Parkitecture" and smaller scale Adirondack Camps and New England Cottages of the Eastern U.S. Every frontier has a leader and already these "hybrid" mixed media designs are blending with the natural elements on Morganite Way. Roadwork continued through the winter, underground power and fiber optics are in place and the Gatehouse is scheduled for completion as weather permits the mason's final touch. If you would like to jump start the process our number



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Andover

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The Fire Department budget was approved at \$31,000, \$4,000 less than the selectmen's recommendation but about \$2,500 more than the Budget Committee amount.

The Recreation Account was trimmed to \$2,025, \$2,000 less than the amount requested by the committee.

In several cases, residents argued that the full budgeted amount in an account had not been spent last year, and/or that carryover funds were available to help pay expenses this year.

Voters also turned down proposals to seal or pave several roads (for a total of \$268,000, with interest) and to hot top a half mile of the Covered Bridge Road (for \$56,100).

Sid Pew argued in favor of establishing a new 10-year plan for road improvements, instead of doing them "piecemeal."

Selectman Trudy Akers said the board has also submitted a request to the state to see if any of the work might qualify under the federal stimulus package.

Other residents were concerned about the cost of such work, given the current economic climate.

Other money articles

A proposal to install a new

heating system in the town hall was approved, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

The funds would provide for a system that could eventually heat both floors. Selectmen said they would also pursue energy grants to help with the funding.

Fire hydrant rentals from the Andover Water District were approved in the amount of \$24,960, but not before residents questioned paying for some hydrants that are currently unusable. Several froze this winter.

AWD Trustee Scott Owings acknowledged their concerns, and said the AWD is working to get the hydrants fixed.

Voters also approved maintaining \$100,000 in the Surplus Account.

Wayne Delano argued against it, saying the town had gotten along for several years with \$80,000.

But, said Donna Libby, just before tax commitment time each year the town gets low on funds and has to take out tax anticipation notes.

More money in surplus, she said, would save on that expense.

Also approved was authorization for selectmen to use funds from the \$50,000 Revaluation Account to lower tax-

es if the mil rate rises by 3 or more mills in 2009.

Near the end of the meeting, Selectman Keith Farrington said his rough calculations showed voters had appropriated about \$30,000 less than last year.

Personnel ordinance

A new Personnel Policy Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 62-42.

It will take effect in 2012, after the final elected three-year term expires.

Among other changes, the ordinance will reduce the current 100 percent health insurance coverage provided for full- and part-time employees to 80 percent for current and future full-time employees (working 35 or more hours a week) and 70 percent for current and future part-time (working 20 hours or more).

Fire truck

Voters overwhelmingly rejected keeping an old 1982 fire truck that has been housed in the East Andover Fire Station.

Selectmen said they have not been able to sell it for the price they had hoped to last year, when voters initially approved its sale.

They also said some residents had since expressed concern that the truck is the

only one that fits into the tiny East Andover Station. Selling the truck might drive up their homeowners insurance costs, they said.

But Pew said he had learned that some insurance companies now calculate premiums based on a travel time of 15 minutes from a fire station, rather than the traditional 5-mile radius from the station.

As a result, he said, the East Andover truck is no longer needed.

Election results

In elections of town officials, the following tallies were reported:

Town clerk: Elaine Morton 231; Lora Owings 130.

Tax collector: Elaine Morton 239; Lora Owings 130.

Treasurer: Sandy Conrad 245; Savannah Sessions 126.

Road commissioner: Marshall Meisner 259; Mark Farrington (write-in) 85.

Fire chief: Rob Dixon 269; Kevin Scott (write-in) 46; Dennis Hall (write-in) 9; Sylvanus Glover (write-in) 6; Robert Hutchins (write-in) 4.

Selectman: Trudy Akers 353.

SAD44 School Board (3-year term): Sid Pew 325.

SAD44 School Board (1-year term): Keith Smith 324.

Woodstock

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the response said.

Regarding where ambulances would be parked, PACE said it would try to locate one of its trucks in Woodstock daily, but might need to sometimes shift it back toward Norway if a truck in that area was called away.

A truck would likely not be parked in Woodstock overnight.

The estimated response time from Norway to Bryant Pond is 16 minutes.

Tri-Town said it could respond to the same location in approximately nine minutes, but also said the response time from a staff member's home to the ambulance station averages two to five minutes.

More written details on the services may be obtained from the town office, and will be available at the town meeting.

Nomination process

Residents will also decide whether to adopt a more formal nomination process for office seekers.

Currently selectmen, school directors and library trustees are nominated from the floor at town meeting.

But former selectman Steve Bies and School Director Marcel Polak are proposing that candidates take out nomination papers and gather at least 25 signatures before town meeting.

Ballots would be cast as they are now, however, and other candidates could still announce at the meeting as a "write-in."

The new method, Bies and Polak said in an information sheet, "allows citizens to get to know these nominees' merits before voting."

Other articles

Voters will also consider a request by the Daughters of

Union Veterans to construct an addition to the Veterans' Memorial on the lawn at the Whitman Memorial Library.

The addition would take the form of "wings" attached to the current memorial, and would allow more recent names to be added, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said.

In money articles, the figure requested for town road accounts totals \$381,000, down from last year's \$402,500.

Within those accounts, selectmen are recommending \$130,000 for reclaiming and resurfacing roads. Possible candidates include Perkins Valley and Old County roads, Maxfield said.

The amount to be raised for the G&W Transfer Station is not yet known, Maxfield said, so the figure listed on the warrant remains at \$116,000, the same as 2008.

If all money articles are approved, the total budget (including school and county shares) is projected to decline slightly, to \$2,068,887.

Total monies available to reduce the tax commitment are down by \$40,000, and the amount estimated to be raised from taxes would increase by about \$87,000, to \$1,650,632.

The mil rate is estimated to increase to 12.89. It is currently 12.65.

Elections

Offices up for election include Rick Young's seat on the Board of Selectmen, Phil Korhonen's seat on the School Board, and Stacey Millett's seat on the library Board of Trustees.

Maxfield said he did not have confirmation regarding who is running for the seats.

Monday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Greenwood

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spike in the tax rate.

But while the "year" itself will be increasing by 50 percent, the proposed tax-rate increase is much less — approximately 36 percent, if voters approve the selectmen's spending recommendations.

Greenwood's mill rate for the past year was 10.5. The new rate is projected at 14.25 Town Manager Kim Sparks said.

The magnitude of the rate increase reflects the scope of the overall increase in projected town spending.

In March of last year, voters approved a 12-month budget of \$1,046,669; on Saturday they will be asked to approve an 18-month budget of \$1,365,909,

up just under 31 percent. (The \$1,365,909 figure is the selectmen's recommendation; the Budget Committee is recommending slightly less, \$1,380,559.)

That relatively small overall increase (a decrease, actually, given the different lengths of time covered in the two budgets) was made possible in large part by deep cuts to capital investments in the town's roads.

Last year voters approved \$115,000 in such improvements; this year the selectmen and Budget Committee both recommend no spending in this account.

Due dates

Voters will also decide Sat-

urday just when they will pay their town taxes.

Currently taxes are due in a single payment, on Nov. 30.

The selectmen are proposing (and the final call in this case does belong to the voters) that payment be made in two installments, due Oct. 1, 2009 and April 1, 2010.

Ordinances

Two ordinance proposals go to voters this year, but both call for only minor revisions, one (FEMA mandated) to the Floodplain Management Ordinance, the other to the "Safe Zone Ordinance."

The latter amendment would add the Greenwood Shores parking area to those

places in town (such as parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities) where a conviction for drug dealing carries an enhanced penalty.

Two more controversial ordinance proposals, expansion of resource protection zones in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and a much expanded Land Use Ordinance, are expected to go to special town meetings later in the year.

Saturday's annual town meeting will be held in the Greenwood Town Hall, beginning at 10 a.m.

The meeting will break at noon for a buffet lunch prepared by the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I had another birthday last month and I never gave it a thought. I really don't mind adding another number to my age as long as there are a lot of numbers yet to be added.

My son had a birthday last month too and that one did bother me a little. It seems like only yesterday that I held him as a newborn babe in my arms. Now he's 43.

Two of my grandsons turned 13 in March and that bothered me even more. Selfishly, I would like to keep them as innocent little boys for a long time. Now they're teenagers with cracking voices and learning a vocabulary they can't even use in front of me.

But, the recent birthday bothers me the most is not even a real person. Are you ready for this? Barbie just turned the big 50. That's right; Mattel's little plastic princess is now 50 years old. The diva of doll-land is now eligible for membership in AARP and the Half Century Club discount.

I have to say she still looks pretty darn good, but keep in mind that she has had more plastic surgery than Joan Rivers. Naturally, she would look good.

I have very fond memories of my first Barbie, which just happened to be the "original" Barbie of 1959. I was right on the edge of outgrowing dolls and trying to act like a teenager. Barbie seemed like a good compromise because she wasn't a baby doll; she

was an adult complete with breasts, which I was hoping to grow myself.

It's too bad I didn't take better care of Barbie because the model I had, if in mint condition is now worth \$27,450. But, I was a typical kid and eventually experimented with cutting her hair and giving her a new make-up job with left over paint from a paint-by-numbers set.

I could have told Barbie that strange things happen when you hit 50.

I don't know what became of my Barbie, but I suspect as I got older and spent my idle hours watching American Bandstand and practicing with my own make-up, which I wasn't supposed to have, she ended up in the local landfill. In fact, she is probably still buried underground with a lot of other Barbies and Kens too. They were not, after all, biodegradable.

Barbie is, however, no stranger to controversy. Over the years there have been those who have maintained that she gave young girls a false image of what a woman's body should look like. She has been blamed for everything from girls' lack of self-worth to anorexia. In reality, if you took the percentage of Barbie's measurements and applied them to a human form you would have a very, very tall

woman with breasts that would cast a shadow over Dolly Parton.

And there were those who felt that Barbie, with all her beautiful clothes, her dream house and dream car, gave young girls unrealistic expectations of the future.

Maybe there is some truth to all of that, maybe not. After all, I had a Barbie and I turned out okay... right? Yeah, so what if I did always wish I had a body that would turn heads and the money to buy anything I wanted, in fact I still do, but I don't think Barbie had anything to do with that fantasy.

Now that the plastic princess has become Hot Flash Barbie I think everyone should stop picking on her. According to marketing analyses, she's not even that popular anymore. The Barbie sales are down in part because of the younger more hip Bratz dolls and in part because even little girls are finding more excitement in X-Boxes and Game Boys.

Kind of sad when you think about it, but I could have told Barbie that strange things happen when you hit 50. That's just the way it is in menopause.

I have a hunch though, that Barbie will be around for a long time to come. The Bratz of the world may come and go, but the way I see it Barbie will go on forever, even if it is in a landfill.

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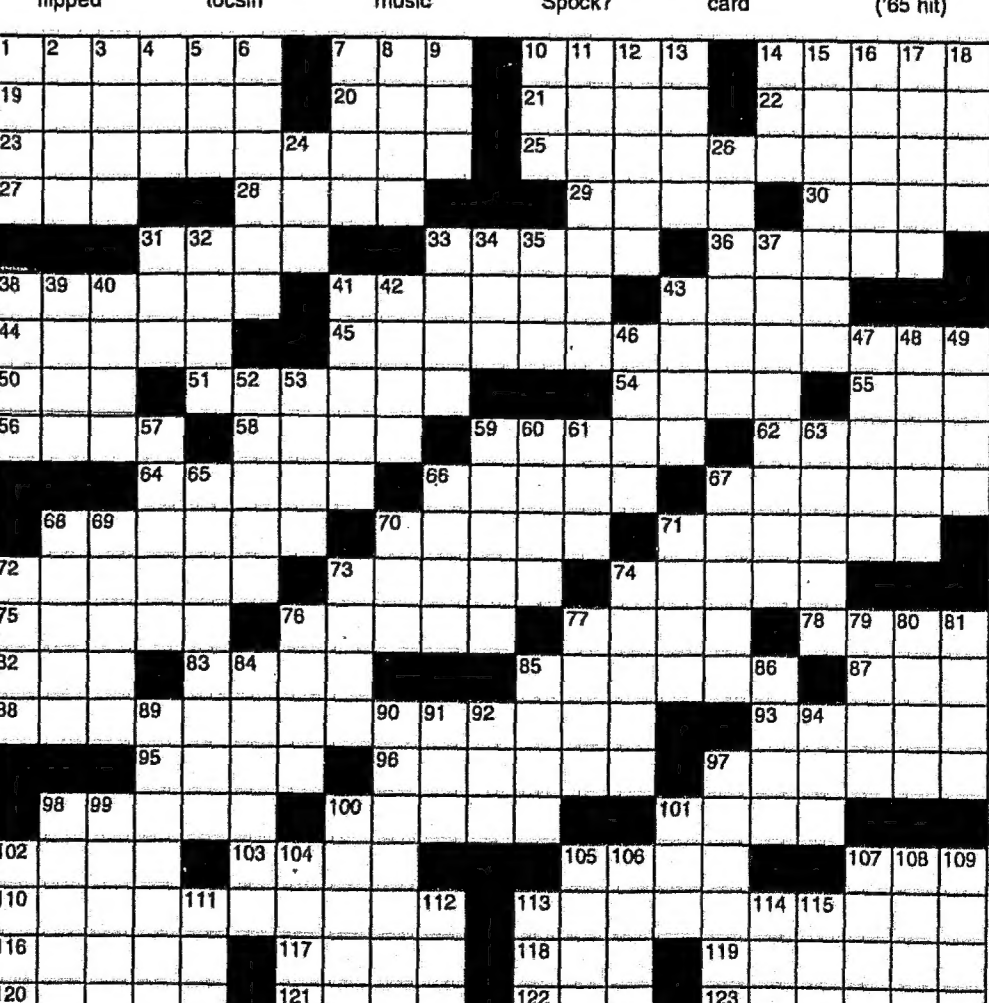
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Super Crossword 'Delayed Reaction'

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 24

At 11:40 p.m. on Route 26 Officer Bill Britting stopped a vehicle for a broken tail light. The officer found a concealed, loaded pistol and a gurka-style knife belonging to the driver. Wake Yenco, 22, of Hebron was arrested.

Sunday, March 22

At 4:25 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell issued a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana to David P. Mefford, 21, on Route 26.

Saturday, March 21

At 12:46 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to Summer Street for a report of a fight. The subjects had left when the officer arrived.

At 10 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report of phone, text message and voice mail threats.

Thursday, March 19

At 11:03 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell issued a summons for OUI to Kevin A. Rosenberg, 31, on Intervale Road.

Wednesday, March 18

At 6:41 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to Route 2 for a car-deer crash.

At 9:55 a.m. Chief Alan Carr took a report of bad checks.

At 4:13 p.m. Officer George Gould took a report of telephone harassment.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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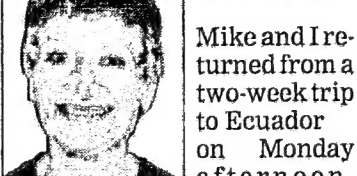
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March 25, 1:16 a.m.: Wake F. Yenco, 22, of Hebron, carrying a concealed weapon; by BPD Officer Bill Britting in Bethel.

March 24, 8:52 p.m.: David B. Cherkis, 40, of Greenwood, failure to appear; by BPD Officer George Gould on Vernon Street.

West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh



Mike and I returned from a two-week trip to Ecuador on Monday afternoon, which explains why there was no West Bethel column in last week's Citizen. We had a wonderful time traveling with two other couples and seeing many facets of that beautiful country. It was a surprise to see so much of the snow cover gone at the Hoehstead, and a relief that we didn't have to plow our way into the garage. Spring has truly arrived, despite cold temperatures, and the sap has been running.

Ecuador is a country of contrasts: from the mountains to the rain forests; from big, modern cities to primitive villages of indigenous people; from cool mountain air to steamy jungle; from examples of great wealth to those of extreme poverty. Our friend, Hank Bowen, who suggested the trip, is a partner in a rose farm in Ecuador, and he arranged an interesting (and exhausting!) itinerary.

First off, we visited the rose farm, Flower Village, and its affiliate Rosen Tantau. At Rosen Tantau the emphasis is on developing new varieties of roses, patenting them, and marketing them. We learned about propagation and development of roses, as well as the organic practices the establishment uses, wasting nothing and recycling everything.

At Flower Village roses and other flowers are grown for the U.S. and other markets. Again, nothing wasted, every-

thing possible recycled. Picture several acres under cover high in the Andes, housing roses of every imaginable color and combination. There are many other flower farms in the mountains, as well, so it seems to be a very important industry for Ecuador.

Another day we headed from Quito (9,000 feet above sea level) to the Antisana Ecological Reserve (13,000 feet high). Antisana is considered an active volcano, having erupted 350 years ago. The road goes over and around lava spills, which are still being quarried for their rock. This lava rock has a different appearance from the black lava seen in Hawaii, and is reddish in color. It was at Antisana that we saw the Andean condor, an endangered species that is bigger than its cousin, the California condor. Most of the condors left in Ecuador are at Antisana, and we saw three of them.

It came as a surprise to me that Ecuador has many volcanoes; in fact, most of the Andes Mountains consist of active or defunct volcanoes. There were three visible at the Antisana Reserve: Antisana, Cayumbe, and Cotopaxi.

The city of Quito is long and narrow — only about three miles wide from west to east, but ten or fifteen miles from north to south. We were guided through the town by Pablo León, our guide for most of the trip, a biology Ph.D. educated in the U.S., and very knowledgeable about history and sociology, as well as flora and fauna. We visited the Presidential Palace, several churches, and other places of interest.

Then it was on to the Middle of the World, aka the official monument of the Equa-

tor. Naturally, I had to be photographed with one foot in the northern hemisphere, and one in the southern. Ecuador does not bother with eastern daylight time, since there are twelve hours of daylight and twelve of darkness 365 days a year. While at the monument we toured an excellent ethnographic museum, which showed how the ancient indigenous people lived their lives.

Ecuador is famous for its native craftspeople and markets, so Pablo made sure that we had a chance to visit them. First stop was Calderon, where the locals create figures, sculptures, and bowls out of bread dough. This hears back to when the Spaniards tried to impose their bread on the natives, who decided they could find better uses for the dough. So they roll it out, cut it into various shapes, glue them together, then dry them and paint them with intricate designs. It's difficult to tell them from ceramic.

Next we visited Cotacachi, where the town is one continuous leather market. Hank bought a leather jacket, Mike bought a hat, and I found a belt for one grandson, and leather scrunchies for three granddaughters. After lunch, it was on to San Antonio de Ibarra, the woodcarving capital of Ecuador. There we saw all kinds of amazing carvings.

That night we stayed at Hacienda Pinsaqui, a 300-year-old hacienda which once was a textile workshop employing 1,000 weavers and spinners. It is also where Simon Bolivar, the great revolutionary, stayed on many occasions, even conducting diplomat-

ic meetings. The innkeeper's big surprise for us came during cocktail hour when we were ushered into a café on the premises, to be met by Andean music played by six brothers and the 12-year-old son of one of them. They played various guitars of all sizes and types, drums, pan pipes, and recorders.

During one number the innkeeper took my hand and led me in dancing to the wonderful music. I love dancing, even at that altitude, and I enjoyed it immensely, though I was a bit breathless for a while.

On Friday, the 13th, instead of bad luck, we visited Jose Catacacha, a tapestry weaver. We watched him weaving on his self-designed and hand-made loom, all with out a pattern, creating amazing pictures in the tapestries. Quite a few souvenirs were bought from his shop. Pablo thinks he is the best in the country.

The day was topped by a tour of the Otavalo native market. We were advised not to be seduced by charming salespeople, not to pay the asking price, and always to bargain. Granddaughter Molly and I compared notes on this, and she had similar experience in China. I ended up usually paying about 20 percent less than the asking price. What fun! And what treasures!

Next week: the rain forest and the Amazon Basin.

Before closing, I take note of the fact that my friend, Ginny Keniston, died shortly after we set out on our trip. She was someone I looked up

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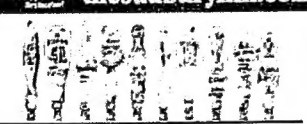
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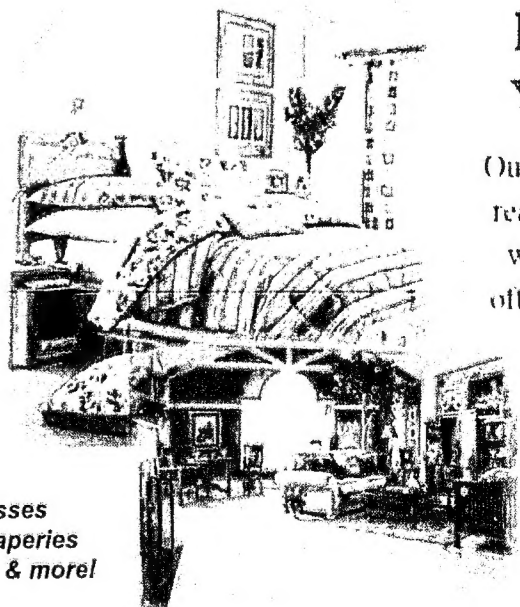
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ANDOVER VOTES—The annual town meeting in Andover lasted about seven hours and drew more than 100 voters. Top left, residents vote on an article. Right, moderator Kevin Scott calls on a person wishing to speak. In the foreground Town Clerk Elaine Morton takes the minutes and Treasurer Sandy Conrad listens. Behind them is an 80-year-old canvas curtain that was purchased and hung in the town hall by the Grange. Very few of the curtains survive today, according to the Andover Historical Society. A committee working to make improvements to the hall recently replaced the curtain's cord, all

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to for her talents, her gentle nature, and her zest for life. Ginny will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. I send my sincere condolences to Bob and all the family for their loss.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
The weather was really nice this weekend. Even the "blizzard" that arrived on Sunday didn't last long. The sun came back out.

Hugh and I headed to Tim and Michele's to see the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney. They were busy playing games, but stopped long enough to visit. We took up the books that I bought at the Book Fair that was held in the Library at Telstar this past week. The

librarian, Kelley Fraser, was quite pleased with the turnout that she had for the Book Fair.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by this past weekend and picked up his Girl Scout cookies that he ordered from our neighbor, Morgan McLean.

Hugh and I talked with Howard and Stevie Reiche recently. She is home from the hospital and doing quite well.

This will be a busy weekend with the Gilead Historical Society meeting at 1 p.m. at the Town Office and the Gilead Annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. I am hoping for a big turnout for both meetings. The GHS has a lot of things to get going on for summer projects and the town has a lot of items to vote on as usual.

Town Office

The Annual Town Report was delivered to each household at the beginning of the week. There will be a few avail-

able at Town Meeting this Saturday, but it would be helpful if you could bring the one that was delivered. This helps cut down printing costs.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Twenty-seven minutes. That's how long it took the 24 voters to act on the twenty-two articles at the town meeting. All articles were passed as written, except article 20. Selectmen had estimated the cost of Upton's share of Oxford County taxes to be \$12,500.

It was actually \$14,212. The article was amended and accepted. There was discussion on monies requested for town roads and equipment repair (article 9) and on monies requested for the transfer station (article 14).

There will be a town meeting in June concerning the school budget, the flood plain ordinance, and shoreland zoning. The date hasn't been established.

There will be a planning board meeting on Friday, March 27, at the town office. The board accepts public requests beginning at 7 p.m.

My apologies to both Ernest and Avery Angevine. Avery was the donor of a micro-

wave to the Ladies Aid Association. Last week I erroneously thanked Ernest. Oops! Thank you, Avery.

Last weekend I attended our annual "granddaughter's day" at Melanie Farmer's home in Temple. Jennie Judkins had 19 granddaughters and as many as possible get together to relax, get re-acquainted, reminiscing times with Grammie, doing puzzles and playing games. It was fabulous. Melanie is an awesome hostess!

You're invited to the Ladies Aid Building on April 4 to see if any of the "treasures" we can no longer use are just what you've been looking for. We'll accept donations for the goodies, which will include two refrigerators that might be suitable for a camp.

Not too far from Upton is an area that used to be called Jerusalem. Do you know what it's called today?

In 2010 Upton will have been incorporated for 150 years. The Ladies Aid Association and town folks can work together to have a birthday party.

We hope your Easter plans can include a Sunrise service at 6 a.m. at the Rector's home, followed by breakfast at the Ladies Aid Building on April 12.

If you know of anyone in town (or who has a camp in town) that, for some reason doesn't read "The Citizen," please, tell them about it!

Life isn't about holding good cards, it's playing a poor hand well.

Have a great week. Selah.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Oops! Last week we had a story about dogs running loose in Hanover. About as

soon as the paper went out, in popped Ozzie Hart, Hanover's animal control officer. He advised us of his new telephone number where he is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The new number is 357-2818.

The 2009 Hanover Assessors' meeting will be at the Town Office on Saturday, April 4, between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. This meeting is the annual opportunity for property owners to express concern about their property valuation.

The Hanover Select Board met Tuesday, March 17. It was reported that the Board will wait to fill the vacant Planning Board alternate position until Selectman Frank Morrison returns from down south. The Board discussed town finances with emphasis on cemetery trust accounts. While discussing the Western Foothills Regional Consolidated School Unit 10, the Board learned that Hanover could lose its representative on the Region 9 School board of directors. The Select Board also chose not to participate in the River Valley Expo this year.

The River Valley Agricultural Commission is looking for a representative from Hanover to work with their group in

promoting foods in the area.

The Hanover Comprehensive Plan Committee met on March 18. During the meeting those attending studied possible development districts within the town. Discussed were development areas, protected areas and rural areas. The April meeting was set ahead to April 22 to provide the Select Board time to establish information on town roads and possible capital improvement projects.

Sara Worcester sold 824 shamrocks at her work with CN Brown at the Big Apple in Rumford. That amount will send a youngster to summer camp in Augusta. The shamrock sales are a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Maine. The Rumford Big Apple sold 1,552 shamrocks among all the employees. Sara has expressed appreciation to all those early morning victims who allowed her to coerce them into their donations.

The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association met Sunday, March 22, at the Hanover Town Office for their first organizational meeting for the 2009 children's baseball season.

Former Hanover resident May Sanford, age 96, now of Natick, Mass., recently sent a letter describing life in Hanover during the early 20th century. Her father and grandfather ran the Roberts Furniture Store and Factory on the Howard Pond Road. She told of hearing the mills that ran from waterpower each day as workers ran

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them from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., which resulted in pay for the employees. She remembered the social life in a small town with activities surrounding Gardner Roberts Memorial Library and Union Hall (formerly Knights of Pythias Hall, now Just a Hobby Antiques). There were baked bean suppers, whist parties, dinners (oyster stew), plays and dances. She remembered the special programs put on by the Sunday school for Christmas and Easter. Her husband Wilbur will be 99 in August.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends, another March town meeting has come and gone. There was a good size crowd that attended on Saturday, I would dare guess about a hundred and tenish. It didn't last quite as long as last year, but still was long! I sure was a beautiful day, no snowstorm like last year!

The March 21 buffet put on by Andover Service Circle (ASC) was very well received by residents during the Andover town meeting lunch break. Donations of charitable dollars topped the \$300 mark as people lined up for homemade soups, chilies, chowders, stews, rolls, muffins and desserts. Three cheers to Chairperson Linda Roberts for supervising this deliciously successful fundraiser. Also, the Circle's task was made easier due to the help of some wonderful young volunteers. The organization wishes to give very special thanks to Sarah Averill, Darren Jodrey, Izaak Mills, and Elek Pew.

The American Cancer Society Daffodil Day was last Thursday. Hats off to Andover's Ruby Kulpa for selling over \$1,000 of daffodils and Boyd Bears on Thursday and Friday at the General Store. Nice work!

Celebrating a birthday this week: Meghan Wardwell on April 1. A happy belated birthday to my niece, Suzann Dorothy Ware! The big 34 years old on the first day of spring! I know that she reads the Bethel Citizen on line in Indiana.

There is no school today (Thursday) and Friday, due to teacher workshops.

Get well wishes to Kenny Learned, who is still in the hospital after surgery a couple of weeks ago. He is doing better at this time.

The Andover Alumni Association had a meeting on

Sunday afternoon. Plans are underway for the annual banquet to be held in May.

Summer Baseball and Softball sign-ups and interested coaches, meeting, Thursday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at the Andover School.

Have a nice weekend.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Many thanks to the Channel 6 news Tuesday evening telling watchers to look out their windows around 7:45 p.m. if they wish to see the Space Station passing overhead. I did, and it was moving rather fast, very bright and in a direction I had never seen before, more southwest to northeast.

Friday morning two deer came bounding up from the woods and kept looking back as if being chased. I watched for quite a while and they kept walking heading toward Moebus Lane near the church. They stopped in a wooded, but bare area. They were still there when I left at 9:15 for Dwayne's automotive shop to get my car fixed for its yearly registration. A couple of parts had been ordered and were installed in order to meet inspection standards. The car was in very capable hands and is now wearing the front window and front and back license plate stickers.

Mark prepared lunch for us and we did some shopping while the car was being fixed. I arrived home around 3 p.m. and my friend, Susan Kilduff from Salisbury, Mass., arrived around 4 p.m. We had lots of things to talk about as we visited. On Saturday, we had lunch at Rooster's Roadhouse. While there several people I knew were also dining there. I introduced Susan to them and the lady of the group said she had read about Susan's visits and was pleased to meet her.

After lunch we stopped at Mark's for coffee and dessert and a short visit with a few pictures taken. We were home by mid afternoon. We weren't too hungry so ate a light supper and watched a movie. Sunday, Susan filled the wood box and did a few things to help before lunch. As we were lunching, we had quite a snow squall — almost couldn't see the deck. It ended as quickly as it started and in no time looked as if no snow had fallen.

Lately I have been taking

POLLY IS RETIRING

Polly Jordan will retire from her 27-year-long career with the U.S. Postal Service March 31. Here, she sorts mail at the Bethel Post Office. "She has been a model for professionalism, knowledge and compassion for the community she has served," said Postmaster Norm Milliard, who is also retiring at the end of this month. An Open House retirement party for Jordan and Milliard will take place Sunday at the Bethel Alliance Church, beginning at 1 p.m.

(Photo: M. Daniels)



in all my feeders every night. The bears are beginning to be seen I've been told. A couple of years ago Game Warden Clukey told Leon Dunn that hanging cloths soaked in bleach around the perimeter of your home would help in keeping them away. Leon passed this information along to me. This will be the third year that I will be doing this, just as soon as I can walk through the snow to hang them. Put the cloths up first and then put the bleach in a container which you put up under the cloths. Otherwise you will burn your hands. I speak from experience.

Many thanks to a friend who gave me a jonquil at the grocery store on Friday. It is still beautiful on Monday.

Still call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club trail information. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTF as well as applications for member-

ship in the local WVSC. Birthday greetings to my niece Rebecca today!

Mason



by Richard Grover

Last Saturday dawned crisp, cold and clear, and the wind wasn't even blowing, so Snuffy and I decided to make our annual March hike up Caribou Mt. on the snow crust. When we got to the end of the Bog Road, I had to leave the truck at Pooh Corner Farm nursery and flower shop because the trail access road was blocked there due to the road ruts that turn to mud when the sun warms the ground. This meant a 20-minute walk to the real trailhead, where the national forest people have a steel gate across the road to keep vehicles out. The day was perfect for an

the whisper of a brook hustling across the scattered patches of open water. At times, where there was more open water, the brook sighed as the wind sighs through the tops of piney forests. The deep snow muffled all other sounds, except the soft crunch of my L.L. Bean hunting boots on the snow.

I paced myself so as not to work up a sweat or to tire these 69-year-old legs before we got to the steep upper half of the trail. Even so, the walking was so good, we were soon nearing the midway point of our ascent. As we passed through a small hemlock woods, small brooklets caused numerous deep holes in the snow where the afternoon suns had softened the snow, which in turn melted into the tiny streams.

Here we encountered the fresh tracks of two moose that had slogged along the trail and the brooklets, leaving great leg-holes in the snow. One moose had peeled the bark off a small, green tree, demonstrating where "moose maple" got its name. I dug my camera out of my pack, because I thought Snuffy would encounter the moose any minute now. He never did, though!

By 11 a.m. we were at the summit, just 2½ hours after leaving the truck. Even here, there was almost zero wind as we broke out of the trees onto the summit. The surroundings were spectacular, with spruce and snow-covered mountains in every direction. Unlike previous March ventures here, this time, we sat on the bare summit granite and enjoyed my handful of peanut-buttered Ritz crackers for nearly 20 minutes.

I tried to get a "re-take" of my 2005 photo of Snuffy

early spring hike because the 10-degree temperature had made the snow nearly as hard as concrete. Even so, I attached a pair of snowshoes to the back of my daypack in case the sun softened the snow before we got back to the truck. Although there was nearly three feet of snow on the ground, it was easier walking than in the summer because all the rocks and small logs were covered.

After we got out of sight of Pooh Corner, I unhitched Snuffy's leash, and he immediately romped off in all directions, leaving only an occasional toenail scratch in the snow's surface. He likes to race ahead about 100 yards and then stop and look back to make sure I'm still coming.

The day was perfect, and the woods were almost totally silent, as there was no wind, no birds and no people. When I pulled back the hood of my sweatshirt, I could hear just

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standing on the summit with the shimmering white Presidential Range in the background. This time, Snuffy didn't cooperate, moving his head or starting to walk away every time I started to squeeze the camera shutter! Then I knew we had to head back down because I wanted to reach the truck before the snow softened and forced me to don snowshoes.

The return to the truck was uneventful, and we got back to Pooh Corner at 1:30 p.m. without ever having to put on the snowshoes. Just before we reached the trailhead on our return, a barred owl broke the silence of the afternoon, the only bird I can recall hearing during the entire hike.

Mona became the proud great-grandmother to a new great-grandson on Monday, March 23. Granddaughter Carrie Phelps gave birth to Noah Andrew Phelps, who came into the world at a whopping 9 pounds, 13 ounces! Carrie and Noah are doing well as of this writing.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

My condolences to the family of former East Andover resident Elsie Arsenault. She was the sister of the late Edna White and the aunt of Ronald White and was a graduate of Andover High School Class of 1933.

The Andover Alumni Association held its first meeting to start planning for the Alumni Banquet which will be held on May 23, 2009 at the AGS Gym. If you are interested in helping out, please give me a call at 392-2394. I can't believe that this will be the 50th anniversary of the year that I graduated; of course I was only 10 years old when I received my degree.

Town Meeting is all over with for another year, thank goodness! There was quite a good turnout, and I hope a lot of people will get out and vote on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Personally I am very disappointed in the amount of money raised for the library.

We have one of the best libraries in the world, and in spite of the cuts we will find some way to keep it that way.

The Awanas Banquet held at the Calvary Bible Church last Friday evening was a great success. A lot of kids received awards including Cassidy Smith and Lisa Gammon who completed their handbooks, which is a great achievement.

I want to congratulate Andover General. They make the best quesadillas I have ever had. If you like Mexican food, you should really try one, they are very good.

On March 28, the Andover Fire Department will be holding a reception at the Fire Station. They will be dedicating the new fire truck and having a passing of the Fire Chief's Badge Ceremony. Starting time is 10 a.m.

I met my new "baby," Mineau the sixth, the other day. He is a beautiful money cat. I can hardly wait to bring him home. Only five more weeks to wait. If you are interested in getting a new kitten, Val Morton has some of his brothers and sisters that she would like to find good homes for, just give her a call. See 'ya.

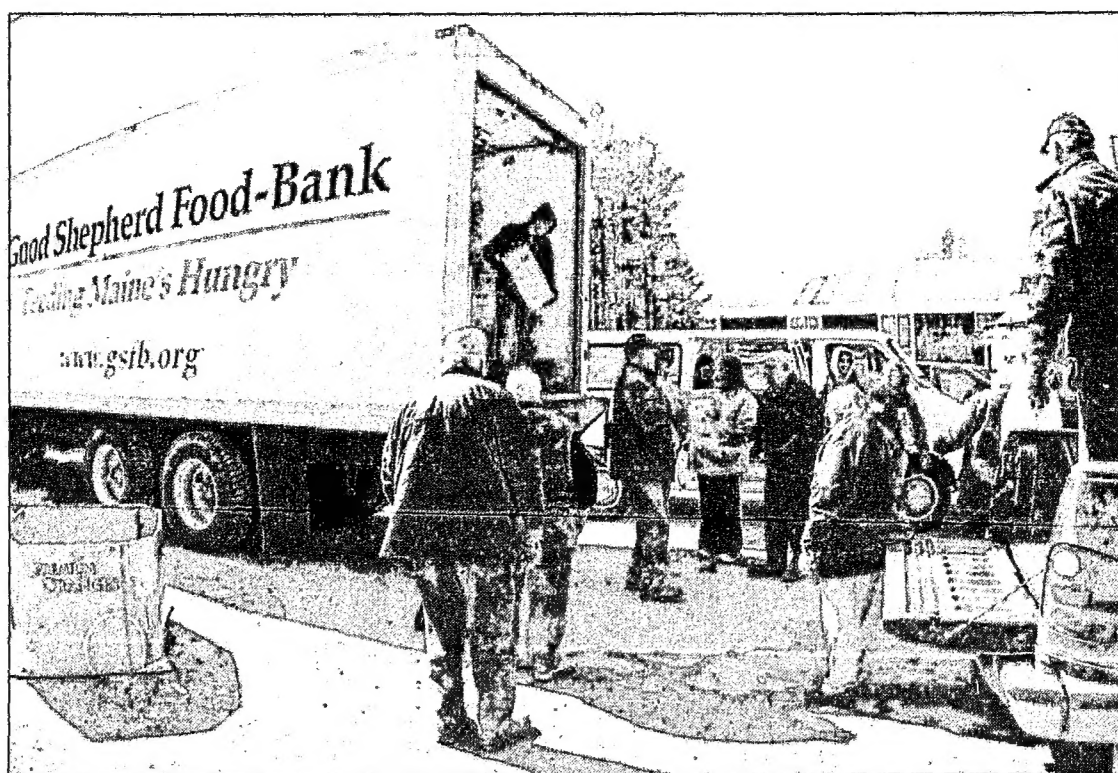
Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

On Thursday evening the Jackson-Silver Post 68 held the American Legion's 90th birthday party. A tasty chicken and dumplings was prepared by Del Wilson. Also "Rookie" Al Lake did a zesty chili that hit the spot. Sure wasn't any left for a midnight snack. Nancy Grover did the birthday cake and ice cream was served with it. Many thanks to all involved.

Guests on hand were State Department Service Officer Ki Owen, State SAL Department Commander Bruce Pierce, Fifth District Commander Bobby Richardson, Fifth District Finance Officer Richard Grover, Mundt-Allen Post 81 Commander Bob McCartney and Ring-McKeen Post 151 Commander Harold Wilbur. Auxiliary guests included State Unit President Donna "Bunny" Greenlaw, Past State



SHARING IN A TIME OF NEED—A truck full of food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn arrived at the Bethel Food Pantry Monday to distribute free food to area banks. Here, volunteers from food pantries in Bethel, Woodstock, Mexico and Norway collect items to take back to their town. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Unit President Terry Owen, Second District Unit President Mary Haverleng, Mundt-Allen Unit 81 President Ramona Grover and Ring-McKeen Unit 151 President Dorene Wilbur. A number of our friends of Mundt-Allen Post and Unit were on hand too.

After brief greetings and remarks of our invited guests, the Fifty-year Certificates were presented to Peter Rosenberg, Kendrick Scribner, and Irving Brown. Linwood Newell Jr. will receive his at a later date. All three are looking forward to the next fifty years too. Everyone present had a very enjoyable evening and looking forward to next year.

This Saturday is the annual Greenwood town meeting. We voters of Greenwood have a number of matters facing us. One is Article 26, which would change the annual town meeting to a date in June. This change will allow a better handling of funds and allow the school budget to be in place. We always have to wait until later to see what the school cost will be. Plus, if you do get any time to read the Town Report and warrant in the short time that is available, there are several items in there that need some very serious thought. This not getting the report until the last second is inexcusable.

I have to applaud Alan Hamilton to listening and digesting all the information on the Land Use Ordinance. Thank you Alan and may all of us always continue to pass information along.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. is young adults potluck supper and Bible study at Beth and Steve Hoover's home. Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. is a Financial Seminar with Mark Elliott, "Living Debt free the way God intended." Sunday, March 29, is fifth Sunday luncheon and afternoon service. Last name A-H bring a main dish and I-Z bring a dessert. Steve Verrill from the Gideon's will be at the afternoon service.

The Woodstock Extension Group met on Wednesday afternoon with a program on salads. Each one brought a salad to taste and recipes were exchanged.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, April 2, at the Woodstock Fire Station. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. and dinner is at noon put on by the daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Program is Connie Tuttle from Mexico who will tell about trips her Senior Citizens' group takes.

Remember the W.H.S. Alumni is selling calendars for April. The money will go to fund scholarships for the Telstar seniors from Woodstock and Greenwood who have a grandparent or great-grandparent, etc., that graduated from Woodstock High School. If you want one and haven't been asked, call Mina at 674-2431 or Dottie at 665-2088.

Historical Society

At the March meeting of the Historical Society members enjoyed a potluck supper of beans, hot dogs, chili and homemade bread. Addie O'Neil won the Mystery prize, which was a copy of the "Quick and Easy Cookbook." Afterward Curator Larry Billings spoke briefly on a couple of Boston Museums. Next meeting members will enjoy Italian sandwiches and play Bingo for a Game Night. Everyone should bring a prize. The society tries to keep abreast of current events and this year Curator Larry Billings is sav-

ing newspaper clippings, as it is the society's 30th year. Also they always save local obituaries. Mary Billings donated a number of notebooks she compiled and Larry is simply continuing the tradition. Larry added a piece of garnet, his birthstone, to the society's modest mineral collection. The museum has photos beautifully depicting Woodstock's past. They also have glass negatives from the Arkett photography studio once in town, but many of the people no one can identify now. They have photos of Christopher Bryant's descendants which are carefully identified. They also have a good research library, including Maine and New England books.

Larry Billings will hold Open House at his Cultural Center (today) March 26 starting at 9 a.m. Do visit it.

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and luncheon scheduled for March 11 at the Methodist Church was cancelled due to a snow and sleet storm.

The next meeting will be April 8 at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Price of the dinner will be \$9. The menu is ham, mashed potato, peas, carrots, coleslaw and rolls.

The entertainment will be the Banjo Band.

March birthdays are: Alberta Angevine, Pauline Davis, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sharon Kaiser, Mildred Jackson, Merle Page and Judy Webster.

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats held their March meeting on Sunday, March 22, at Crescent Park School in Bethel, with excellent attendance representing all regions. A snack buffet and conversation were enjoyed prior to the meeting.

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Elected officials in attendance included Sheriff Wayne Gallant of Rumford, Rep. Terry Hayes of Buckfield, Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico, Rep. Matt Peterson of Rumford, and Rep. Helen Rankin of Hiram. John Patrick of Rumford attended representing Senator Bruce Bryant of Dixfield who was working at NewPage. Patrick, who represented District 92 for eight years, was recently reappointed to the Citizens Trade Policy Commission.

Party officials in attendance were Oxford County Democratic chair and State Committee member Cathy Newell of Greenwood, Vice-chair Mike Broderick of Bethel, Treasurer and State Committee member Roy Gedat of Norway, and State Committee alternate Julie Peterson of Norway. Henry and Pat Stewart of Greenwood, and Roy Gedat and Julie Peterson of Norway reported on their experiences attending the Inauguration of President Obama and Vice-president Biden.

Newell reported on the very successful Inauguration Weekend parties held in Rumford, South Paris and Brownfield.

Nathan Libby of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) presented information on the efforts to raise awareness on the issue of healthcare and workers' rights.

Cathy Newell announced that the Oxford County Democrats are sponsoring a field trip to the State House in late April or May. The day will feature visits to the House and Senate sessions and committee work sessions, briefings with state officials on issues of interest to attendees, and the opportunity to visit the State Museum. Car pools will be encouraged and a date announced soon.

The meeting included a strategic planning session led by Newell, Roy Gedat, Rep. Hayes, Cynthia Handlen and Libby. The next County meeting will be held in May, with plans in the works for regional issue meetings in April. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Miriam Laster of Norway announced plans for a Norway Democrats Open House on Sunday, March 29, at her home at 5 p.m. Roy Gedat, Dennise Whitley and Russ Newcomb are assisting with the event.

Information about the Oxford County Democrats is available at www.oxforddems.org. Those interested in receiving an electronic newsletter may contact Newell at cathyn@megalink.net or at 875-2116.

From

Maine Handicapped Skiing

Skiers, fundraisers and corporations from throughout New England gathered at Sunday River Saturday to raise money for Maine Handicapped Skiing, Maine's largest adaptive recreation program for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Since 1985, the Ski-A-Thon has been the largest source of revenue that supports MHS's year-round programs, all of which are free for participants.

On Saturday, 105 teams of five submitted pledges they had raised during the previous weeks and months, and participated in activities and races through the alpine resort and cross-country center at Sunday River. Dozens of businesses also pitched in by sponsoring fundraising teams, donating cash and supplies, and assisting with event operations. "This is a very challenging time to raise funds, yet MHS depends on the Ski-A-Thon to help keep our programs free to all participants. The fact that our sponsors and teams raised over a quarter of a million dollars Saturday is very impressive, and we are deeply grateful for their tremendous efforts and generosity," said Kris Dorer, Maine Handicapped Skiing's director of development.

Roughly 500 people participated in the event Saturday, over half of whom are also weekly MHS participants and/or volunteers. Forty skiers and riders with physical disabilities participated in this



BENEFIT FOR BRYCE AND TYLER—On Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m., musicians from the local area will perform at the Telstar Jamboree Concert at Helen C. Berry Auditorium to raise money for Bryce Walker and Tyler Clough, two SAD44 students suffering from cancer. Performers include: Dave Rowe, Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, Rolly York, Ross Timberlake, Amy Green, Wendy Green, Telstar Middle School Faculty Band, Lazarus with Mike Prescott, Late for Assembly—featuring Doug Alford and Jim McLaughlin, and Myth. Bryce Walker, a senior at Telstar High School, is currently battling leukemia and travels to the Barbara Bush Treatment Center for Children in Portland on a regular basis. Tyler Clough, a third-grader at Crescent Park Elementary School, is suffering from bone cancer in his leg and travels to Portland and Boston for his treatments. All proceeds raised from this event will go to support expenses for the families. Dave Rowe is the son of Tom Rowe, from Schooner Fare. Jewel Clark is the daughter of Yodelin' Slim Clark. Jewel performs his music, as well as her own. Ross Timberlake is a veteran Portland musician. Also performing is Telstar Middle School's sixth-grade sensation, Myth, and Gould Faculty Late for Assembly. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for students and children under 10. For further information, please contact Kevin O'Reilly 824-2136 Ext. 501, oreillyk@sad44.org.

year's Ski-A-Thon, and a team consisting mostly of MHS participants finished second in the overall fundraising effort by raising over \$13,000. The Ski-A-Thon also got generous financial and in-kind support from twenty businesses, including Sunday River/Boyne Resorts, Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Center, Northern Data Systems, Acadia Benefits, Hamilton Marine, and New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland.

Saturday's events included a Fun Race on the slalom race arena, an obstacle course, adaptive alpine and Nordic demonstrations and activities, and free skiing for all Ski-A-Thon participants. The Ski-A-Thon culminated in a banquet and awards ceremony attended by roughly 400 people. There, MHS officially announced its selection as the 2009 charitable beneficiary of the TD Banknorth Beach to Beacon road race, and ten bib

numbers and the rights to help hold a finish tape for the race on Aug. 1 were auctioned off. The MHS Founders and Board of Directors also recognized Betsy Doyon, executive director of Maine Handicapped Skiing, who is leaving the organization after twenty years this spring to run a small business with her husband.

Maine Handicapped Skiing, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1982 to provide free adaptive recreation opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities. The organization currently serves over 350 participants statewide through year-round programs that include alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, golf, canoeing, kayaking, and cycling. For twenty-seven years Maine Handicapped Skiing has been serving skiers from Northern New England at the Sunday River ski area daily, and on weekends at Sugarloaf for the

past ten years. Roughly 300 participants and 450 volunteers are involved in the winter program, with a special weekend set aside for veterans in February. Summer programs at MHS include golf, canoeing, kayaking and cycling, and occur at various locations throughout Maine.

To find out more about Maine Handicapped Skiing and all of their year-round adaptive recreation programs and upcoming events, please visit the website at www.skimhs.org or call (800) 639-7770.

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Western Mountains Senior College

Healthy Eating on a Budget continues:

Good Food Store will have

a "Pasta Buffet" at the next healthy eating evening to be held on Wednesday, April 1, at 6 p.m. in the Bethel Congregational Church dining room. Here's your chance to sample several different kinds of pasta dishes and take the recipes to try at home.

Pasta buffet menu: Orzo with swiss chard, carrots, walnuts and brown butter; fettuccine with broccoli, roasted peppers and olives; baked pasta with cauliflower and cheese; Tossed field greens with garden vegetables and homemade balsamic vinaigrette and citrus vinaigrette. Your dessert will be Tiramisu. Call Heather at 824-3754 by Monday, March 30, to make your reservation. Cost \$10.

Mark Your Calendar for Future Healthy Evenings:

There are four more healthy evening meals coming up in April and you may make your reservations at any time. Don't miss this chance to learn more about healthy eating and take home recipes and ideas you can use: Rooster's Roadhouse, Wednesday, April 8, call 824-0309 (Steve); The Victoria Restaurant, Wednesday, April 15, call 824-8060 (Stacy); The Sudbury Inn Dining Room, Thursday, April 23, call 824-2174 (message); S.S. Milton, Thursday, April 30, call 824-2589 (message). Menus will be posted at the restaurants and will be printed in this column a week in advance.

Down Home Maine Features Bicycling

Botanist

Dr. Rick Churchill, Newry, known as the "Bicycling Botanist" will speak at the next meeting of Down Home Maine on Thursday, April 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.

"Dr. Rick," as he is known to his many friends, has 35,000 miles registered on his bike on trips in the U.S. and abroad. He will present a slide presentation depicting his recent journey on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He made the trip along with friends Bill and Nancy White, formerly of Bethel, and Barbara Berger of Portland. During a three-month



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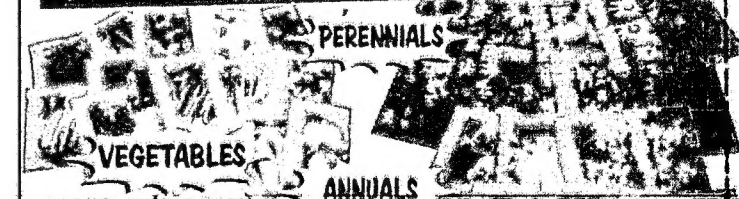


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Dr. Rick said "for a botanist, this was what made the ride so enjoyable as it allowed plenty of time to observe the flora."

Dr. Rick's slide presentation will show some of the interesting plants he observed along the way, which range from the almost extinct American chestnut to the sassafras with mitten-shaped leaves and shining black fruit. He will also discuss "inside information on stealth camping" and the many interesting encounters his group experienced along the way. These included facing two tropical storms, apple butter making, climbing the highest peak east of the Mississippi and the tricks of starting the evening fire with "wood wetter than a fish."

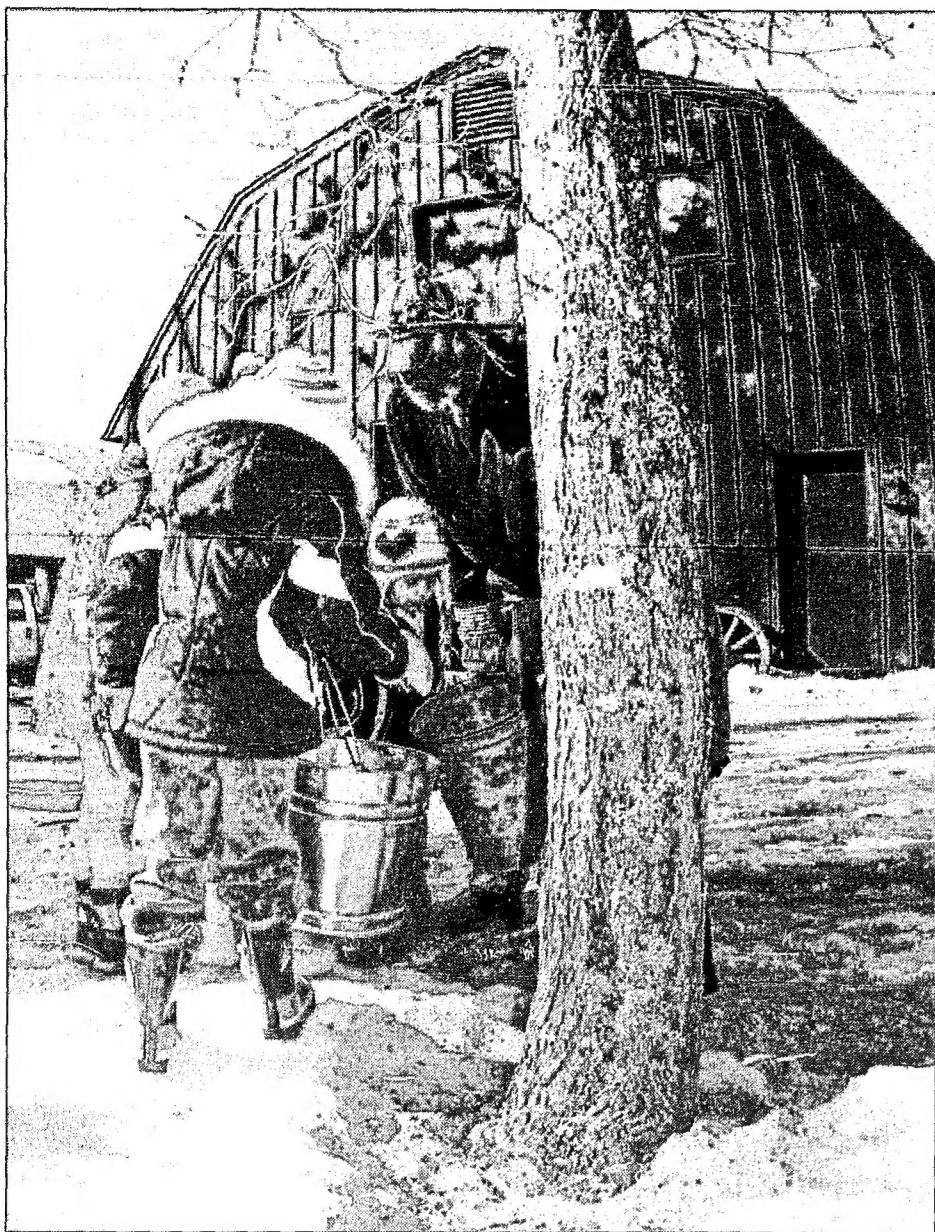
Dr. Rick challenges those planning to attend his presentation to brush up on their plant identification for a chance to win a "Rick stick."

Dr. Rick is the Associate Editor of People, Places & Plants, a gardening magazine based in New Gloucester, Maine and the past English editor of the journal, Human Forestry Science & Technology based in Changsha, China.

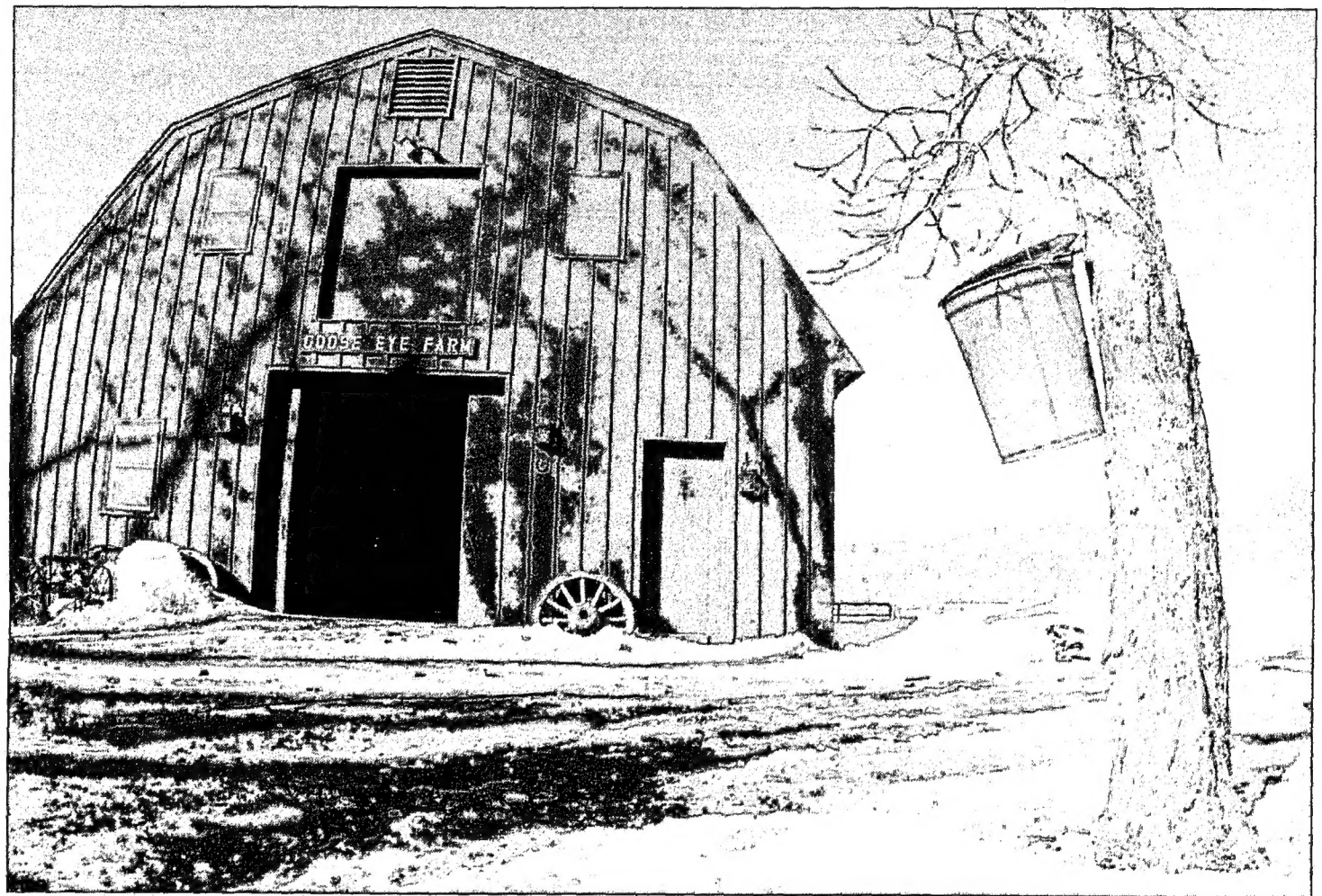
His many years of college teaching, professional speaking engagements and horticultural/arboricultural consulting allow him to bring a broad range of experiences to his audience. In addition, since 1999 he has spent three months each year on his bike.

Programs are open to the public and are free of charge. Voluntary contributions are accepted to offset senior college expenses.

For more information, or to recommend future speakers, contact Seabury Lyon at 836-2576 or Peter Gartner at 665-2181.



TREE-TAPPING IN NEWRY
Last Friday morning A&B Maple Syrup sapologists Alan Fleet (A) and Bruce Pierce (B) tended their evaporator in Pierce's shed at Goose Eye Farm. Top right, Fleet picks up a piece of wood to place on the fire under the evaporator. At mid-morning, a dozen pupils from the Mahosuc Montessori School came for a visit. They inspected sap dripping into a bucket from a tree in the yard, then poured it into a pail for transfer to the shed. The tree was one of 118 the men have tapped. Pierce explained how sap is made into syrup, and the tour finished with a treat of syrup poured over ice cream. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

In celebration of "Women's History Month," the Bethel Historical Society is sponsoring a seminar that includes several presentations on women with connections to the Bethel area on Saturday, March 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room at 14 Broad Street (it has been moved from the society's Robinson House to the Dr. Mason House next door).

Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe will speak briefly on four women who made contributions to local and regional history with their books. These will include Eva Bean, who produced "East Bethel Road" in 1959 and Ruth Crosby, a medieval scholar who taught for over thirty years at the University of Maine, who wrote two books of local interest: "I Was A Summer Boarder" (1966) and "From an Old Leather Trunk" (1974).

Also included in Howe's talk will be Joan S. Kilborn's "Over the Horizon" (1950), which contains an interesting sketch of Bethel's town characters, and Erma Thurston Young, who once directed a local youth orchestra called "The Bluebirds" and wrote a book titled "Yesterday and Today" (1953), which offers some useful observations on the local past.

Catherine Newell, author of a highly popular booklet on "Molly Ockett," published by the society, will discuss her subject and how she came to research and write the absorbing story of the remarkable woman who lived among the early settlers of Western Maine and actually visited the Dr. Moses Mason House.

Kent Taylor, a graduate of Gould Academy and Bates College, with advanced studies at a number of other universities, will speak on longtime resident Pearl Ashby Tibbetts, whose historical novel, "Land Under Heaven" (1937) was set in her native Aroostook County. He will also discuss another novel by Mrs. Tibbetts that was never published, but contains numerous insights into life in a small New England town.

The Seminar is open to anyone interested at a nominal fee of \$5 for Bethel Historical Society members and \$10 for non-members.

High school and university students may attend without charge. To register, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or send an e-mail to: info@bethelhistorical.org

With over 1,400 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

For over 40 years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the society opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

Further information about the society and its activities may be obtained by calling 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910, or by sending an e-mail to info@bethelhistorical.org. Additional information can also be obtained by visiting the society's website at www.bethelhistorical.org. The society's mailing address is P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

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Gould Academy

Gould Academy will send three freestyle skiers to compete at the Sprint U.S. Freestyle Championships in Squaw Valley, Calif., March 27-29.

It's the first time since 2000 that Gould freestylers have qualified for this annual event, where the nation's top skiers, including U.S. Ski Team athletes, are matched with young, up and coming skiers.

"These kids have worked extremely hard all year long and well deserve this tremendous opportunity to compete with the best in the country," said Head Freestyle Coach John Kimble.

Junior Troy Murphy and ninth-grader Jackie O'Sullivan will both compete in dual moguls. Murphy was



TELSTAR RACER COMPETES IN EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS—Adam Mahar, a freshman at Telstar Regional High School, competed in the TD Banknorth Cheri Walsh J2 Eastern Championships recently in Holderness, N.H. He placed 29th in the 5k classic race and 43rd in both the 5k Freestyle and 1K Sprint in a field of 96 competitors from all over New England. Maine J2 team finished second to Vermont in a field of six teams from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York.

(Photo: A. M. Mahar)

voted this year's USSA Eastern Division Most Improved Skier, while O'Sullivan took the Eastern Division Rookie of the Year honor. Sophomore Casey Craig will compete in the halfpipe.

Other Gould on-snow athletes competing at the national level include five snowboarders who will travel to the USASA Nationals in Copper, Colo., April 5-10. They include: Connor McCarthy '10, Shea McCarthy '13, Robbie Moulton '09, Cody Martin '10 and Kevin Keogh '10.

Alpine skier Victoria Bobbe competed at the J2 National Junior Olympics in Aspen, Colo., March 9-13.

Nordic skier Jeb Clarke '12 was named a first alternate for the J2 National XC Junior Olympics held in Truckee, Calif., March 8-14.

Gould Academy alpinists raced to a gold medal and a number of top ten finishes at the Junior III Olympics at Gore Mountain in North Creek, N.Y., from March 14-17. The four Gould racers were among the top 100 skiers in the eastern United States in the 13-14 age group.

"Our coaches knew going into the event that if our kids

skied their game they could compete with the traditionally tough Vermont and New Hampshire skiers.

In the end, people were talking about the skiers from Gould and Maine. We are very proud of them," said Kurt Simard Gould's head alpine coach.

Ninth-grader Mitch Grimmer took the gold medal in the Slalom, out racing Vermont's Micheal Boardman by .03 seconds.

Ninth-grader Jackson Keogh placed second in the Giant Slalom and sixth in the Super G. Ninth-grader Isabel Kannegieser finished seventh in the Giant Slalom and sixth in the Super G.

All three qualified to represent the eastern United States along with eight other men and women at the K2 Canadian Championships at Silver Star Mountain Resort in British Columbia March 30-April 3.

The K2 Championships host the top 170 ski racers from across Canada ages 13 and 14.

Other Gould students who raced at the J3 Junior Olympics include eighth-grader Jack Auty who finished ninth in the Giant Slalom and

Sports

High School Alpine Skiing

J3 Olympics at Gore, N.Y., March 14—Mitch Grimmer, a freshman at Gould Academy, from Lewiston won the 2009 J3 Olympic Slalom Event at Gore Mountain. After the first run Grimmer was behind first-run leader Carter Robertson from Vermont by .27. In the second run Grimmer finished second again but his two run total of 1.08.15 was good enough to beat Vermont's Micheal Boardman by .03. The J3 Junior Olympics bring together the best 13-14 year old alpine athletes from Maine to Pennsylvania. Gould's Izzy Kanegieser, from Minot, finished 17th in the women's race. —from Gould sports reports

High School Snowboarding

USSA Snowboard - Revolution Tour Event at Sugarloaf; March 9-11.

With the Revolution visiting the east coast for the first time this season, it was off to Sugarloaf for 5 Gould snowboarders. For 3 of them, this would be their first USSA event. Oran Pearce '11, Kyle Dorfman '11 and Kevin Keough '10 were the rookies, with Robbie Moulton '09 and Connor McCarthy competing in their 4th and 2nd events. All riders rode very well in training and competition. With Robbie obtaining his best rev result of the year coming in 21st in slopestyle. Also in slopestyle Kyle 48th and Kevin 51st, both very respectable results. Kevin also rode in Halfpipe along with Oran. With Oran just beating Kevin out 46th and 47th respectively. It was a Gould Snowboard Team alum Chris Hagerty who took the win in slopestyle. Well done Chris. Unfortunately the boardercross was cancelled due to bad weather. All results can be found at www.live-timing.com—from Gould sports reports

Cross-country Skiing

TD Banknorth J2 Championships, Holderness School; March 13, 14, and 15—Four Gould Academy Nordic skiers competed. The event featured the top 20 boys and top 20 girls ages 13-14 from each New England state and New York. In the 5km Skate ninth-grader Jeb Clarke took first place, sophomore Alice Hotopp placed 20th, sophomore Samantha Southam placed 49th and ninth grader Molly Siegel placed 51st. In the 5km Classic, Jeb Clarke finished 16th, Alice Hotopp 11th, Molly Siegel 28th, and Samantha Southam 39th. In the 1.3km Skate Jeb Clarke finished 8th, Alice Hotopp 14th, Samantha Southam 38th, Molly Siegel 49th. —from Gould sports reports

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Tuesday: Pizza sticks w/dipping sauce, veggies, dip, Smucker's uncrustable.

22nd in the Super G. Eighth-grader Amelia Brown finished 41st in the Slalom, 53rd in Giant Slalom, and 43rd in the Super G.



PUBLIC MEETING

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is holding a public informational meeting to discuss the use of rotenone to eradicate introduced fish from Little Concord Pond (Woodstock). The public is invited to attend a brief presentation, ask questions, and provide comments on planned brook trout enhancement efforts. The meeting will be held at the Woodstock Town Office at 7 PM on April 13th. Any questions regarding this management initiative may be directed to Francis Brautigam at 657-2345, ext 112.

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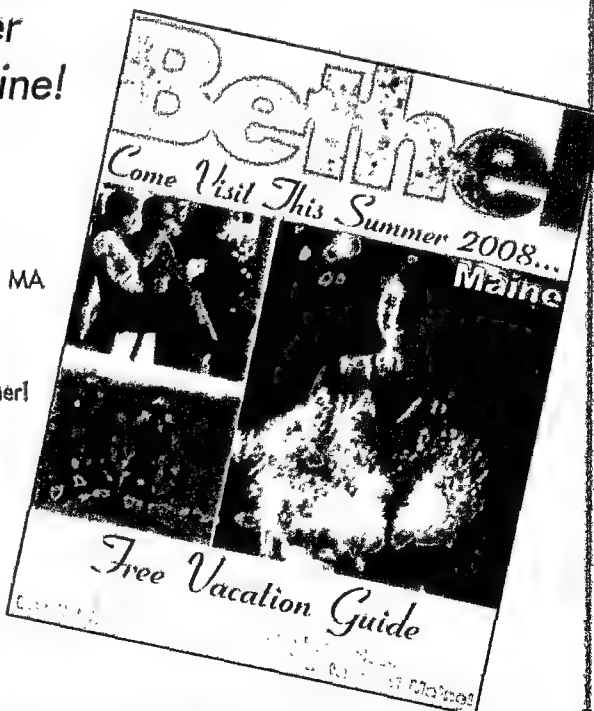
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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



Jennifer Aldrich of Upton, a senior at Telstar Regional High School, has been selected to receive the 2009 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. "Jennifer is a well-rounded student at Telstar," said Principal Dan Hart. "She has excelled as a flutist and four-year band member. She also joined the chorus this year. As a school leader, Jennifer is a four-year member of Future Business Leadership of America (FBLA) which provides multiple leadership and community service activities at the local and state level. Jennifer is also a member of the newly formed *Telstar Twelve*, a school beautification and school spirit organization. Jennifer was active this school year in many school facilities improvements and beautification projects. She also mentors and tutors a middle school student. Scholastically, Jennifer is a two-year member of the Telstar National Honor Society and is this year's chapter president. Her academic achievements earned her enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement Courses in Science, English, Mathematics, United States History and Spanish. As a result of her academic efforts, Jennifer is the Class of 2009 salutatorian." Jennifer, Hart and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor April 4. The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships in the names of Horace O. McGowan and Richard W. Tyler. McGowan and Tyler were former Maine principals and executive directors of the Association. The Principal's Award is presented in more than 140 Maine public and private high schools by members principals of the Maine Principals' Association, the professional association which represents Maine's school administrators.

THS MUSICIANS PARTICIPATE IN UMASS HONORS BAND FESTIVAL
Telstar's Music Department has had another first. Two instrumentalists were chosen to play in the Honors Band Festival in February—Marian Hotopp on French Horn and Jennifer Aldrich on flute. The festival was held at University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The 86-piece band was conducted by Andrew Boysen, Associate Professor of Music at UNH, and Dr. Laura Rexroth, visiting assistant professor at UMass. The Honors Band had representation from all New England states. Telstar's musicians were the only Maine representatives. The music department has had great success and wishes to congratulate these fine musicians and thank the community for continued support. For more information go to <http://mrsben-nett7502.googlepages.com/> and click on ?Star News?.



THS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Telstar High School's February Students of the Month are Whitney Mills and Emily DeCarolis. The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. Mills and DeCarolis were also honored at a recent Rotary meeting. Pictured are, from left, January Student of the Month Bethany O'Neil, Mills, DeCarolis and THS Principal Dan Hart. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement.



The SAD44 Drop out Prevention Committee reorganized and reconvened recently to discuss strategies for reducing district dropout rates. Committee members include front row, from left: Kelly Helms, Sandy Schroeder, Tamara Davis, Ellen Marshall, Julia Williamson and Jean Waite. Back: Charles Raymond, Jacob Berry, Daniel Hart, Austin Buck, Robert Sabin, Sidney Pew, Roberta Taylor, Kim Carson, Sheryl Morgan, James Lunney, Jolene Littlehale and Julie Hart.



STATE ALPINE SKI CHAMPS—The Telstar High School Girls' Alpine Ski Team recently won the Class C State Alpine Championship, held at Sunday River Ski Resort. They are pictured here with their plaque and Athletic Director Gail Wight (left) and Principal Dan Hart (right).

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Grade Three students at CPS were part of a dental health rotation. Mrs. Moulton from Dr. Mason's office in Bethel taught students the importance of brushing correctly, flossing, and other general care of their teeth.

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Kid's Summer Guide

Summer Swimming Lessons in Bethel

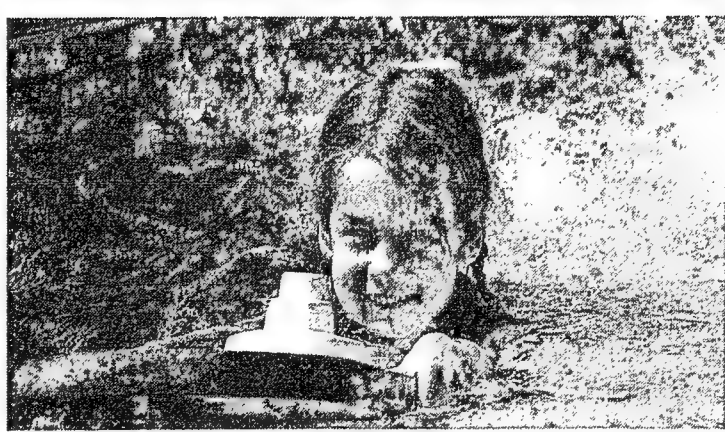
When: June 30- July 10

Who: Ages 5 and up, Levels 1-6. Children under age 5 need to be with a parent during the lesson.

Where: Angevine Park, North Rd.

Register: Bethel Town Office

Woodstock and West Paris also sponsor lessons. Residents may register children at their town office.



Second Annual Maine State Kids' Triathlon

Kids' Fun Untimed Triathlon Ages 8-14

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Date: Saturday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. (the afternoon before the adult triathlon).

Check-in/registration: Angevine Park, North Road, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (Same day registration will be accepted, but there is no guarantee of a t-shirt.) Kids' pre-race meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Course:

Swim: 200 yards across the Town of Bethel's swimming pond, Angevine Pond, on the North Road.

Bike: 2.1 miles east on North Road to BIG Adventure Center.

Run: 1 mile on the Bethel Recreational Pathway along the Androscoggin River, under Route 2 highway bridge, over the recreational bridge, along the Bethel Recreational Pathway to turn around, and back to BIG Adventure Center.

The purpose of the Kids' Triathlon is to promote active participation in the aerobic sports of swimming, biking, and running. It is the hope that this event will foster an increased interest in overall health and exercise at an early age. It is strongly recommended that parents help their children train for this fun event.

To register online: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1683910

Contact: Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, info@bethelmaine.com; (207) 824-2282

Child Labor Laws

Child Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people under the age of 18 in nonagricultural jobs. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply.

Where Minors May Work

16- & 17-year olds may work in most businesses, but not in hazardous jobs.

14- & 15-year olds may work in most businesses, except in most jobs in manufacturing, mechanical, dry cleaners, laundries, bakeries, hotels/motels, and most commercial places of amusement.

Minors under 14 years old may not work in most businesses.

Work Permits

Minors under 16 years of age need work permits in order to work.

- Issued by superintendent of schools.
- Employer must keep Bureau-approved permit on file.
- Minor allowed only 1 permit during school year, 2 during summer vacation.
- Minor cannot work until permit is approved by Bureau of Labor Standards.

Note: Maine employers may also be covered under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 207-780-3344.

For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Standards
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(TTY: 1-800-734-1110)
Web site: www.maine.gov/labor/bls
E-mail: webmasterbls@maine.gov

Junior Golf Clinic at The Bethel Inn Resort



The Bethel Inn Resort will offer a week long Junior Golf Clinic June 29 - July 3 for ages 7 - 12, and July 6-10 for ages 13 - 17. Classes will run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$135 per person. Students will be introduced to the basic principles and

fundamentals of golf. Putting, chipping, and full swing with irons and woods will all be taught. Golf etiquette, sportsmanship and the rules of golf will also be emphasized. In addition, students will have the opportunity to play a few holes on the final day.

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- Make new friends
- Exercise
- Enjoy the outdoors

Daily Schedule:

Day One: Ball marking, putting, chipping, rules around the green. Receive junior t-shirt.

Day Two: Pitching, sand play, hazard rules and team short game event.

Day Three: Short irons, Long irons and hybrids, fairway rules and accuracy event.

Day Four: Warm up and stretching, fairway woods, driving, tee area rules and long drive contest.

Day Five: Etiquette on the course, play two or three holes, final skills challenge based on the 8 skills learned during the week.

What to Bring:

- Golf clubs (if you have them)
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Water and a snack

Clinic sizes are limited, so sign-up early. To register or for more information call The Golf Shop at The Bethel Inn Resort at 824-6276 or e-mail golfshop@bethelinn.com.

The Bethel Library Summer Reading Program



Remember to pick up application packets in mid-June for the Bethel Library's annual summer reading program. The program will start at the end of the school year. The library encourages ages 0-18 to participate.

Children have an option of reading 20 books or reading a minimum of 15 hours. The choice is theirs. The intent of this program is to read for enjoyment.

At the end of the summer all children who have completed their goals will have the opportunity to go on a field trip.

Library hours are: Monday 9-1; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8 and Saturday 9-1.

Safe Sitter Baby Sitting Classes



Where: Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway

When: April 21-23, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 10-13, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$50.

More Info: 743-1562x380.

Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches girls and boys, ages 11 to 13, how to handle emergencies when caring for children. The class instructs on safe and nurturing child care techniques, behavior management skills, and appropriate responses to medical emergencies.

The Certified Instructors are Linda Bernaby, RN; Lois Hardy, RN; Shannon Nassa, RN; Alison Newton, RN; and Carol Welsh, RN.

Infant CPR

An infant CPR class will take place at the Harper Conference Center April 25 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.. There is no charge. Contact person is Carol Welsh.

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9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-0476.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thursday, March 26

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - **Indoor Rummage Sale** at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Proceeds benefit Resident Council. Donations graciously accepted.

Mountain Poets meet at Fare Share Commons. All welcome. Discussion for April Too Cold for the Porch. April is National Poetry Month. FMI: call Rockie at 743-0583.

Friday, March 27

12 to 1 p.m. - **Ecumenical Lenten Lunch** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Following simple soup lunch short meditation/discussion on one of the Psalms. Everyone welcome to share this hour of fellowship.

7 p.m. - **Scottish Peace and Social Justice Advocate**, the Rev. Peter Millar, minister in the Church of Scotland and international advocate for peace and social justice ministries, will speak at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Coffee and dessert provided.

7 p.m. - **Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 at door. Refreshments available. FMI: contact Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Saturday, March 28

2 to 4 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society Seminar** by Dr. Stanley Howe on women with connections to Bethel area will be held at

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Dr. Moses Mason House. Open to anyone interested. Fee: \$5 for society members or \$10 for nonmembers. FMI and to register: call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

7:30 p.m. - **At Celebration Barn Theater**, Buckfield: Return of Skosh, with original music, insane illusions, ridiculous costumes, crazy instruments, incredible amounts of smoke and occasional trumpet-playing monkey. All proceeds for Shane Milon and Aaron Dewitt's Circus Smirkus summer tour. Tickets: \$5 available only at door. FMI: call 336-3306.

Sunday, March 29

Bowl for Kids' Sake at Oxford Lanes, Rumford, sponsored by Child Health Center Big Brothers Big Sisters to support Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program in River Valley Community. Form a team of four. FMI and to get team packets: call the Child Health Center at 743-7035.

12:30 p.m. - **Basket Bingo** featuring Longaberger baskets and pottery at Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Doors open 11 a.m. Raffles, snacks and light lunch available. FMI: 836-2771.

1 p.m. - **Open House Retirement Party** for Norm Millard and Polly Jordan at Bethel Alliance Church.

5 p.m. - **Norway Democrats Open House** at Miriam Laster's home.

Wednesday, April 1

3 p.m. - **Wellness Van** at Oxford Wal-Mart. Blood pressure checks, osteoporosis and cholesterol screenings. \$10 for cholesterol screening. Advance appointments not necessary. FMI: call 795-8240 or e-mail prevention@cmhc.org.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Opening Reception** and power point talk/discussion of "Nature Fusion Process" by Arla Patch at Vox Photographs, Portland. Free, light refreshments. Patch's new book "Finding Ground: Girls and Women in Recovery." Other talks by Patch: Thursday, April 2, 10 to 11:30 p.m.; April 20, 7:30 p.m.; April 28, 10:30 a.m. FMI or to reserve and directions: call 890-0966, visit www.arlapatch.com or www.voxphotographs.com.

5:45-6:45 p.m. - **Randy Judkins**, Maine's own character comedian and professional speaker will present his "Laughing In The Face of Change" free of charge at the Matterhorn Ski Bar on Sunday River Road, sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Norway Savings Bank. Arrive early and enjoy networking and light refreshments at 4:30 p.m.

6 p.m. - **Healthy Eating on a Budget** by Good Food Store at West Parish Congregational Church, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. Cost: \$10. Reservations required (call Heather at 824-3754). FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

7 p.m. - **Greenwood Historical Society** meeting at historical building at historical building. John Davis will present program on whales that were transported by train through Locke Mills in the late 1800s. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15, 29 and May 6

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Ball Room Dance Class** (waltz, foxtrot, jitterbug, tango, rumba, two step) taught by Nancy Willard at Telstar High School (use Adult Ed. entrance). Cost: \$25. All proceeds to food pantry, Bethel District Exchange.

Thursday, April 2

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock Senior Citizens** meeting/luncheon at Woodstock Fire Station. Program: Connie Tuttle will talk about her group of Senior Citizens.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"400 miles and 40,000 feet up by bike"** presentation by Dr. Rick Churchill at Down Home Maine meeting, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Public invited. Admission free. Sponsored by WMSC. FMI: call P. Gartner at 665-2181 or S. Lyon at 836-2576.

April 2, 3, 4 and 5

Guys and Dolls performance by Drama Department of Lake Regional High School, Naples, will take place at 7 p.m. on April

2, 3 and 4 and 2 p.m. on April 5. Doors open one-half hour before show. FMI or to reserve tickets, call 693-6221 ext. 285.

Friday, April 3

7 p.m. - **Joyce Anderson**, singer, fiddler, songwriter at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 265 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail Kieran@ncia.net.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 3, 4, 5
22nd annual Parrothead Festival at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday, April 4

12:30 p.m. - **Basket Bingo** sponsored by Gilead Fire Department at American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Doors open 11 a.m. Coverall games and raffles. Light lunch. FMI: call 836-2771.

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5

Bust n' Burn, best and worst amateur bump skiers compete. Competition starts 9:30 a.m. April 4 with awards ceremony 5 p.m. at White cap Lodge. Competition begins Saturday at 10 a.m. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com/EventsActivities/EventsCalendar/index.

Sunday, April 5

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Wax Workshop in Encaustic painting** at Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Gourd painting, photo transfer, specialty waxes and mono-printing. Some knowledge preferred, but space available for beginners. Contact instructor. Workshop fee: \$75; materials fee: \$25. Space limited. FMI: contact Heather Westleigh at 592-5047 or info@phoenixnest.us.

2 p.m. - **Telstar Jamboree Concert**, benefit concert to raise money for Bryce Walker and Tyler Clough, SAD44 students suffering from cancer, will be performed by local musicians: Dave Rowe, Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, Rolly York, Ross Timberlake, Amy Green, Wendy Green, Telstar Middle School Faculty Band, Lazarus with Mike Prescott, Late for Assembly featuring Doug Alford and Jim McLaughlin, and Myth. Admission: \$10 adults and \$5 students and children under 10. FMI: call Kevin O'Reilly 824-2136 Ext. 501, or oreillyk@sadrr.org.

5 p.m. - **Bethel Outing Club** members and friends end-of-season potluck, annual meeting (6:15) and special narrated digital slideshow, "Down Mountain and Cross-Country: 140 Years of Skiing in Maine" by Scott Andrews (6:30) at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center. Open to all.

Wednesday, April 8

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/luncheon (\$9) at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Menu: ham, mashed potato, peas, carrots, coleslaw, rolls. Entertainment: Banjo Band.

6 p.m. - **Healthy Eating on a Budget** at Rooster's Roadhouse, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday service** at Rumford Point Congregational Church by Pastor Sondra Withey.

Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Service at Locke Mills Union Church, with Easter Breakfast following. Everyone welcome.

9 a.m. - **Joint Church Service** between Rumford Point Congregational Church and Locke Mills Union Church at Locke Mills for Easter service with Pastor Sondra Withey. Everyone welcome.

Monday, April 13

5:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at Locke Mills Legion Hall. Doors open 4 p.m. Music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Supper by A.L. Auxiliary. Adults \$10 and child \$3.50.

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

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The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2225 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 8-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-8th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2288.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7298 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3530 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2813.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-9939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Keazars Road, off Routes 55 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigien, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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All A's: Brayden Bean, Kaitlyn Brown, Marcus Wentworth.

A's and B's: Cyrena Cox, Jordan Gilson, Tehya Johnson, Deziree MacKillop, Chasity Pike.

From American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Walkers, cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), community leaders, team captains, and dedicated

workers are all needed to make the American Cancer Society Relay For Life a reality in Oxford County.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life will be held on May 29-30 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris. The event is designed to raise funds and awareness of the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic and other organizations, and community volunteers — to celebrate, remember and join together in the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is a team event where participants walk around a track relay-style overnight. Teams of cancer-fighting enthusiasts will gather at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on May 29 to show their support and dedication. Volunteers from Oxford County are needed to begin planning now for this event.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer

as it is a fundraiser," said Shelly Everett, event chair. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event as a volunteer or participant have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know that you can beat cancer."

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, underwrite, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support in any way. If you would like to join the Relay For Life in Oxford Hills as a volunteer or team participant, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345 or online at www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

CHILI COMPETITION, FIREFIGHTERS RACE
The annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff, held Sunday at Sunday River Ski Resort, featured 12 slow-cooking teams who offered up their best batches of chili to a skiing crowd and panel of celebrity judges. The judge's scores combined to award first place to Cho Sun from Bethel. The runner's up award went to Gringo Harry's from Newry, with Rooster's Roadhouse from Bethel finishing third. Here, Scott Lane of Cho Sun prepares chili. The People's Choice Award went to the Barking Dog of Newry. In the 19th annual Firefighters' Race, Jay Fire Department edged out 15 other teams to take first place, edging the Bethel Fire Department by .07 seconds. Proceeds from the event benefit the Maine Handicapped Skiing program. Firefighters in full gear raced down a giant slalom course on the Stempel trail toting 50 feet of fire hose. Teams were composed of skiers, snowboarders and snowbladers.

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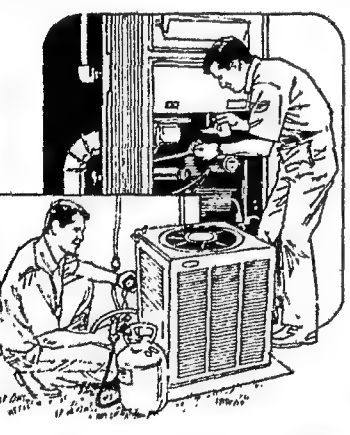
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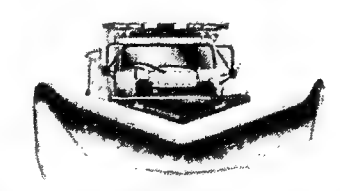
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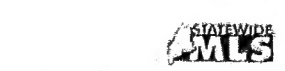
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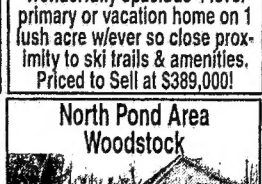
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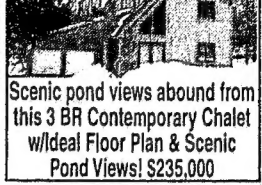
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Obituaries



HENRY ERVIL CURTIS
Henry Ervil Curtis, age 58, died March 18, 2009 at the Redington-Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan where he had been a patient for half a day.
He was born in Norway, Maine Jan. 7, 1951, the son of Ervil L. and Ruth B. (Bennett) Curtis. Henry was educated in the schools of Skowhegan and graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1971.
Being an avid hunter, Henry was a member of the North American Hunting Club. He loved the outdoors and was a lumberman most of his life. Henry was also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles of Skowhegan and a member of the Norridgewock Grange.
He was a great father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all.
He is survived by a step-daughter, Lynn Weeks of Skowhegan and step-granddaughter, Danika Weeks of Skowhegan; two sisters, Linda Westleigh and husband Reginald of West Bethel, Nadine Hughes and husband David of Weston, Fla.; a brother, Arthur Curtis and wife Joyce of Skowhegan; brother-in-law, Larry Gray of Vassalboro; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Henry was predeceased by his parents; and a sister, Donna Gray.
A graveside service will be held later in the spring at the convenience of the family.
At the request of the family there will be no funeral or visitation hours.
Friends wishing may make donations in his memory to the American Lung Association of Maine, 122 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330-5689.



EMMA B. PAGE
Emma B. Page, 84, of Bethel, died Tuesday, March 24, 2009.
She was born in Bethel on April 18, 1924 the daughter of Roy C. Blake and Dorothy (Glines) Blake, was educated in local schools, graduated from Gould Academy and attended Northeastern Business College and U of M.
Emma attended the Bethel United Methodist Church and was a member of the Bethel Senior Citizens. Emma had worked as a secretary/receptionist in Portland and some local businesses and owned and operated Emma's Beauty Salon since 1961 and later worked at Ledgeview Nursing Home for seven years and most recently worked private duty care prior to retiring.
She is survived by one son, Dr. Gary Page and his wife Dr. Ida Page of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; one daughter, Karen Page of South Paris; five grandchildren, Melinda Lowe and husband Eric of Lancaster, Pa., Sharon Armstrong and husband Steve of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Dr. Michelle Mose and her husband Jared of Warwick, R.I., Melissa Cooper and husband Dave of Piedmont, S.C., and Sarah Page of West Paris; eight great-grandchildren and a devoted sister-in-law, Patricia Blake of Bethel. She was predeceased by her parents and two brothers, Harlan Carroll Blake in 1947 and Charles Blake in 2007.
A memorial service will be held at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jeff Gross officiating.
Memorials in Emma's memory are suggested to the Bethel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 387 Bethel, Maine 04217. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Engagements



Perry - Campbell
Leslie Perry and James Campbell of West Paris will be pleased to announce their wedding engagement.
Leslie is the daughter of Mrs. Tracey Libby of South Paris and Arlo Perry, Jr., of Cardington, Ohio. Leslie graduated from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in 2004. She is currently employed at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.
James is the son of Deborah and Jeff Campbell of Woodstock. James graduated from Telstar High School in 2005. He is currently employed at Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris.
The wedding will be held in Auburn on Aug. 29, 2009.



Farrington - Merrill
Scott and Tina Farrington of East Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Farrington to Brock Alan Merrill. Brock is the son of Alan and Kelly Merrill of Mason Township.
Jessica and Brock are graduates of Telstar High School and Brock is a graduate of Universal Technical Institute of Pa. Jessica is currently employed at Olympia Sports of Rumford. Brock is currently employed at Mountain Valley Sports in Rumford.

~ THANK YOU ~
It is impossible for me to adequately express myself to all the people who expressed sympathy for me and my family since the loss of Ginny. I realize it is certain to be a tough go for a while, but with so many caring friends and our faith in God, life will be much easier.
Bless you all.
Bob Keniston

We are writing to thank Brooke and Barry Hallett and the staff of the Funky Red Barn for all they did to make our family celebration such a success. What a great place to have a party.
Barry, you do wonders with food - it was fantastic. You really went the "extra mile" to make it a fun evening.
Also, a special thank you to your bakery chef - we loved the cake. It was very special.
Can't wait until the next celebration - we will certainly be back.
*Thanks Again,
The Bastien Family*

Thank you!
Scott, Lorraine and their families would like to give a special thank you to everyone who helped with food donations, drinks and cash donations for the benefit lunch and dinner.
We would also like to thank our community, our friends and family for the continuous support, prayers and encouragement.
We are truly blessed to live in a community that comes together and cares when someone is in need.
*Thank You to All
Scott, Lorraine & Family*

In Loving Memory Of
Shirley Morgan Dinardo
1948 - 2007

We love and miss you so much
Mom & Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEN!
HURRY BACK!
FROM THE FLORIDA GIRLS!

THANK YOU
to the Bethel Rescue and LifeFlight of Maine for their superb work on Feb. 16 and to all who offered thoughts and prayers while I was at CMMC. All of the support from friends, family, and the "Barker Lodge Gang" was a big part of my quick recovery along with the love and care from my wonderful wife.
Dave Coughlan

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Will be meeting
Thursday,
March 26, 2009
at 3:00pm
at the
Town Office

Ballroom Dance Class
Waltz - Foxtrot - Jitterbug
Cha Cha - Tango - Rumba - Salsa
Taught by Nancy Willard
Cost: \$25 (all proceeds go to local Food Pantry)
Time: 7pm - 8:30pm
Place: Greenwood Town Hall (next to the Post Office) - #26, Upstairs
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PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Title 28 MRS 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 23, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal and an Entertainment Permit Renewal from The Bethel Commodore Corp. located on 21 Broad Street. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethel.maine.org.
Christen Mason
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
The Cooperative Board of Region 9 School of Applied Technology will conduct a public hearing regarding the Region 9 proposed budget for FY 2010 on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 6:00pm to 6:45pm in the Telstar High School Library.
Another public hearing regarding the Region 9 proposed budget for FY 2010 will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Region 9 Cafeteria in Mexico.
All citizens in the Region 9 area are encouraged to attend.

Super Crossword Answers

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